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Crash sparks call to curb boy racers

'Put the brakes on racers': Deborah Cox-Riches inspects the damage after a car hit her front door on Sunday. She has been calling for measures to slow down traffic on the narrow road. Pictures: Richard Patterson 708360/708362.

BY JACK GROVE

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RESIDENTS living on a street plagued by boy racers have called for urgent action after a car ploughed into the front of their homes.

People living off Broad Street, Ely, were woken by a loud bang at 6.30am on Sunday morning after a car smashed into two houses, causing an estimated £50,000 of damage.

It is thought the crash occurred when a car attempted a U-turn at the entrance to a nearby car park and slid into the properties in Cardinal's Terrace, off Broad Street.

Neither the driver nor his three passengers was hurt in the crash.

Deborah Cox-Riches, 72, who has campaigned for years for safety measures in Broad Street, said: "I wasn't at home at the time, but my husband Trevor was lying in bed and wondered what had hit him.

"He came downstairs and saw the car had hit the wall and gone through our door. It went through our neighbour's too.

"I sleep in the front room and I hear these cars whizzing down the hill and then down Broad Street. It's dreadfully noisy.

"We've been asking for years for cameras or bumps to stop cars from zooming along Forehill and Broad Street, but nothing has happened.

"We are still waiting for insurance estimates, but I think it could be about £25,000 per house. Our hallway will have to be redecorated and there is a massive crack on the front of our neighbour's house."

A spokesman for Cambridgeshire County Council said: "Once the cause of this accident has been established, we would by happy to consider representations from local people for changes to the road layout within the resources available."

■ A 29-year-old man, from Ely, has been bailed to return to Parkside police station on February 22 relating to charges of driving without due care and attention.

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Man's body was found near tracks

THE body of a man is believed to have been hidden in grass beside a railway line for several days after he was hit by a train, an inquest was told.

Philip Black, 52, had twice texted a friend asking him to clean out his room at the pub where he stayed.

Railway workers found Mr Black's body beside the line near the Sandhill railway crossing at Littleport when they carried out an inspection of the track on August 3. Mr Black's family in Scotland reported him missing at the end of July after he had failed to get in touch with them.

A jury at the inquest in Huntingdon returned a verdict that Mr Black, a safety officer who was staying at the Crown pub in Littleport, had killed himself.

Investigations had been unable to discover which train had hit Mr Black, although the driver of a train passing through the area on July 31 had reported a "rough ride" in which he was almost thrown out of his seat.

Gary Mathias, a coroner's liaison officer with British Transport Police, said a note had been found in a hedge and that Mr Black had been identified from fingerprints found at the pub.

Cambridgeshire police had also been dealing with a missing person report.

On the run: Jayne Fuller is running the London Marathon this year in memory of her dad, Roy, inset.
Picture: Keith Heppell 707491.

Jayne's marathon effort in memory of beloved dad

A NOVICE runner is taking part in the London Marathon in memory of her late father.

Jayne Fuller, 32, is hoping to raise £2,000 for Cancer Research UK by completing the 26-mile race on April 17.

Jayne, who works in the toy department of Ely's City Cycle Centre, chose the charity because her father Roy Fuller, also of Ely, died from bone marrow cancer in 2005 after a four-year battle with the disease.

Now jogging up to 13 miles at a time, she said: "I was not a runner when I applied for the race.

"I started off with just a mile or two at a time back in September, but I'm thinking about doing a half-marathon. I've still a long way to go before I can do the full 26 miles.

"I grew up watching the event on TV, but I went down to London to see it last year and thought I should give it a go. I've raised over £700 so far and I'm hoping to get a stall in Ely market soon for a tombola."

To support her, go to *www.justgiving.co.uk/jfuller* or pick up a sponsorship form at City Cycle Centre, in Market Street, Ely.

Sex charge mum 'warned off boy'

THE mother of a 12-year-old boy who was allegedly sexually abused by a family friend told a court she had warned the woman away.

Playtime assistant and mum-of-two Diane Pullar, 31, allegedly had sex with the youngster five times between April and July 2009.

The boy's mother, who cannot be named, told a jury at Cambridge Crown Court that she challenged the woman's behaviour.

She said: "I would see her straddling him on the trampoline. I said 'the way you play with him is inappropriate. You need to cover up or stop close contact', you could see her breasts."

Pullar, of Tithe Road, Chatteris, has pleaded not guilty to six charges of engaging in sexual activity with a child.

The jury retired on Tuesday to consider a verdict.

Two-car collision closes rural road

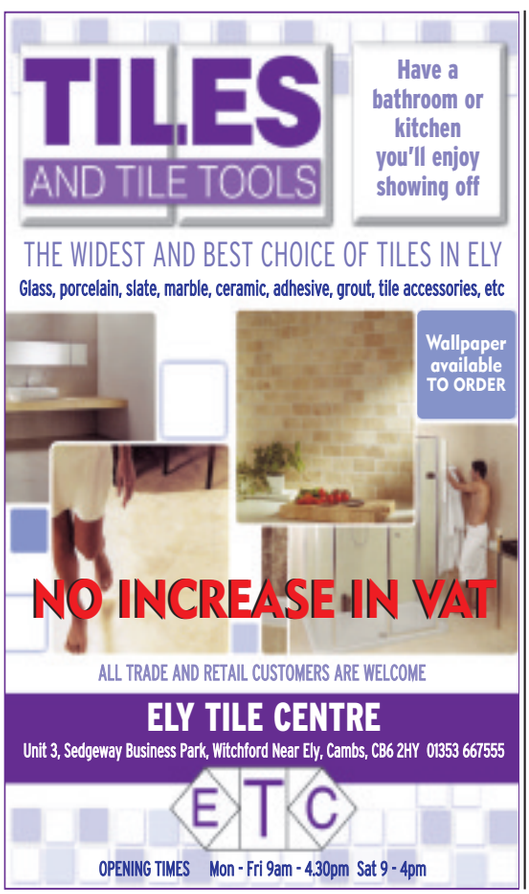
A TWO-car crash blocked a rural road for several hours on Monday night.

Motorists involved in the accident on Stretham Road, Wilburton, were seriously injured.

Emergency services were called shortly after 7.35pm and closed the road between Stretham and Twentypence Road, a restriction which stayed in place until after 10pm.

The vehicles involved were a blue Vauxhall Zafira and a blue Vauxhall Astra.

Paramedics and firefighters also attended the scene.



Airman denies party rape bid

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PARTYGOERS turned on a fellow reveller after he sexually assaulted and attempted to rape an unconscious woman, a court heard.

Justin Ryan May, 22, a US serviceman, was allegedly found attacking the young woman at a house party in William's Close, Ely, on March 20 last year. He was thrown out of the house and beaten up by a number of men.

Cambridge Crown Court heard in the early hours of the morning, May assaulted the woman in a bedroom while she lay unconscious as the party continued downstairs.

Lindsay Cox, prosecuting, said: "The only reason the complainant was not raped was the timely intervention of someone who had come to check on her. At 1am a friend went upstairs to check on the complainant, the door was shut and on entering the defendant was found lying on top of her.

"She was unaware of what was taking place and was only woken by the defendant being pulled out of the bedroom."

May, a First Class Aircraftsman with the US Air Force gave his address as RAF Lakenheath. He has pleaded not guilty to charges of assault by penetration and attempted rape.

Mr Cox continued: "After the first attack, the defendant seemed happy to take things further and would have done.

"When he was discovered, the defendant became very upset. He kept saying: 'I am sick. I am sick. I need help. I am sorry.'"

The jury watched the woman, who cannot be named for legal reasons, give evidence by video interview and heard her cross-examined from behind a screen.

She said she could remember little about the night, but denied consenting to any sexual activity.

The jury also heard that May told a police officer the woman did not resist his advances.

In a police interview following his arrest, May said he went upstairs to use a bathroom and saw her "passed out". He went back downstairs and had a few drinks before going upstairs again. May said in the interview: "I nudged her a little bit.

"She grabbed my arm. She said something I didn't understand."

He added: "She pulled her pants [trousers] down and I kissed her. I started pulling my pants down."

May told the officer how he climbed on to the bed over the woman and touched her sexually. He said: "She didn't push me away. She didn't say no."

May said he realised "she wasn't able to make a decision", adding: "I realised, hey, this isn't right and went to pull my pants up."

The court heard both the woman and May had consumed alcohol.

The case continues.

Thief ordered to repay garage

A MAN who stole more than £30 worth of food from a shop will have the offence hanging over him for the next 12 months.

Simon Clarke, 36, stole £37 worth of food items from the BP garage in Ely on January 4.

Clarke, of Meadow Close, Witchford, appeared at the city's magistrates' court last Thursday where he pleaded guilty to a charge of shoplifting.

He was given a 12-month conditional discharge and was ordered to pay the garage £37 compensation.

Metal taken in recycling raid

A RECYCLING centre has again been targeted by raiders.

Thieves forced the locks and chain on the gates at Grunty Fen Recycling Centre in Witchford before stealing an unknown amount of scrap metal.

Various other items were also stolen during the break-in overnight on January 13.

The centre has been targeted by thieves numerous times in the past 12 months.

Anyone with information is urged to call police on 0345 4564564.

Region's jobless rate hits new low

UNEMPLOYMENT has fallen in East Cambridgeshire to its lowest level in two years.

New figures show there were 922 people claiming Job Seekers Allowance (JSA) in the district – the lowest level since December 2008.

With just 1.7 per cent of the population in East Cambridgeshire claiming JSA, the district has the third lowest rate in the region.

Cllr Ron Bradney, East Cambridgeshire District Council's lead member for economic development, said: "People are setting up here to benefit from our proximity to Cambridge and its academic, skills and research excellence, and also our great strategic location along the M11/A14/A11 corridor – just one hour from London, St Pancras Eurostar and Stansted Airport.

"We also offer exceptional value for money when it comes to commercial property and development land."

Super news for internet

SUPERFAST broadband is coming to Ely.

BT has confirmed the Ely exchange area will be upgraded to fibre-based broadband this autumn.

Cllr Ron Bradney, East Cambridgeshire District Council's lead member for economic development, said: "East Cambridgeshire is developing a strong reputation as an ideal place to do business and broadband news backs up this claim.

"We are not complacent, we know there is more to do but we are confident that new and old businesses are seeing the value of coming to East Cambridgeshire if they are to grow and succeed in the future."

Heart-ache: Phil Malkin, who runs the radio-controlled car racetrack, says more than £5,000 worth of cars were taken.

Picture: Richard Patterson 708347.

Youth club 'gutted' by £5k theft of race cars

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YOUNG model car enthusiasts have been left devastated after burglars stole £5,000 of radio-controlled vehicles from their community centre.

Thieves grabbed the stash of models cars after smashing their way into a racetrack run by the charity Young People Littleport at its centre in Henry Crabb Road.

> **"The lads were just stunned – I don't think they could express how they felt. We are a charity and every penny we spend we have to raise – those cars represent a lot of work by many, many people."**
>
> Phil Malkin

Burglars 'were probably local'

Young people have been informed about the loss of the centre's Tamiya Ansmann cars as they visited the volunteer-run track on Friday and Saturday race nights.

Phil Malkin, who runs the racetrack, said: "The lads were just stunned – I don't think they could express how they felt.

"They love coming here to race the cars and it's become a fantastic asset for the community.

"I'm absolutely gutted by the theft. We are a charity and every penny we spend we have to raise – those cars represent a lot of work by many, many people.

"They also took a remote-controlled helicopter, which was popular with the group.

"I'm pretty sure the burglars were local. They seemed to know exactly what they were looking for and left behind lots of stuff they wouldn't be able to use.

"It's now up to me to gee everyone up to raise some more money to replace the cars. We're hoping as many people as possible will help us because raising money is very hard at the moment.

"They also smashed a couple of doors as they broke in. That's cost us £300 to repair too.

"It's the second big break-in in the last two years after people broke into our centre and stole a laptop a few years ago.

"It's very demoralising when you're trying to build something for the community."

Anyone with any information about the break-in, which took place between last Thursday at 5.30pm and 9am, the following day, is asked to contact police on 0345 456 4564 or Crimestoppers on 0800 555111.

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Delay in sentence for teenage knife attacker

A TEENAGER who stabbed two people outside a pub will now be sentenced next month after a delay in preparing probation reports.

The 17-year-old, who cannot be named for legal reasons, appeared at Cambridge Magistrates' Court charged with two counts of causing grievous bodily harm without intent during an incident outside the Townhouse pub and Balti King takeaway in Ely's Market Street last July.

Three people were injured in the incident, which was only stopped by the brave actions of doormen at the Townhouse.

Nineteen-year-old Liam Boyd was stabbed three times – in his chest, abdomen and thumb – and Leigh Meads, 25, suffered a puncture wound to the right side of his chest.

Both required emergency surgery. Another victim, 18-year-old Michael Setchell, was stabbed in the back by the teenager and treated by paramedics at the scene.

The attacker, who admitted the grievous bodily harm counts and possessing an offensive weapon, was due to be sentenced this week, but a bureaucratic mix-up meant probation reports were not ready.

The youth, who has moved from Ely to London after the incident, claimed he had taken a knife out with him "to protect himself" after being aware of tension between certain groups in the city.

Magistrates have turned down a request by the *Weekly News* to name the youth because the offence was not a "grave" one.

He was released on bail and will be sentenced on February 2.

Morris men to pass on dance tips

EVER wanted to try your hand at the ancient tradition of Morris dancing?

A free Morris dance taster day will be held in Ely on Saturday, February 5 and men and women of all ages are being invited to learn the moves.

The Coton Morris Men will hold the event, alongside ladies from the Ely and Littleport Riot, to help promote Morris dancing and show people how it's done.

The event will be run at the Lighthouse Centre on Ely's Lynn Road from 10am-2pm.

A spokesman for the Coton Morris Men said: "The event is open to men and women and we'll give you an introduction to Morris dancing, teach you a dance and hopefully enjoy the day.

"If you are a musician and want to learn or play English folk music then come along too.

"The event is completely free, so whatever your ability come and give it a try."

For more information, call John Blackwell on (01353) 624739.

Gingerbread leads the way

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With her sweet nature and love for peppermints, Gingerbread may look like any other pony.

But the sprightly russet-coloured Shetland is special – 2011 marks her 20th year with the Elysian group, Riding for the Disabled Association (RDA).

Gingerbread is based at Paradise Farm, off the Witchford bypass in Ely, and is owned by Iris Copsey.

For two decades, the much-loved pony has been providing enjoyment and therapy for severely disabled and mentally handicapped people of all ages.

Jo Alderson, a member of the Elysian group of the RDA, said: "Gingerbread is our driving pony.

"It means that young people and adults who are too disabled to actually ride a horse can still benefit from them.

"Once a week, people come to Paradise Farm and enjoy rides in the trap, with Gingerbread leading the way.

"The benefits are absolutely huge – not only does it lift people's spirits and provide them with enjoyment, but it is hugely therapeutic.

"She's such a polite, good natured little pony and loves doing it as much as people love her."

Walk on: top, Gingerbread with, from left, owner/driver Iris Copsey, Katie Clements from Larkfield Resource Centre, support worker Tina Slattery from Larkfield Resource Centre and volunteer Frankie Stevinson. Above, Iris and Frankie with the Shetland pony. Pictures: Warren Gunn 705317/705325.

This year is also special for the RDA as it is celebrating its 40th anniversary.

Through volunteers and specially-trained horses, the charity provides therapy, achievement and enjoyment for people with disabilities.

Miss Alderson said: "Once a week we also welcome people at the Sedgeway Equestrian Centre in Witchford.

"There, disabled people who are capable of riding a horse, get to ride, muck out, groom and generally spend time with them.

"All of this is made possible by volunteers, fundraising and donations, and the effect it has on disabled people is massive.

"Without that, the RDA would not be able to do what it does."

The RDA now has more than 500 member groups and caters for more than 23,000 riders and carriage drivers.

If you would like to volunteer or raise funds for the RDA, email Miss Alderson at *joalderson@btinternet.com* or call Enid Bedford on (01353) 662499. Alternatively, visit *www.rda.org.uk*

Sneaky thieves moved CCTV camera

BURGLARS broke into a building site and tampered with a video camera so they could not be seen.

The incident happened at a site on St Thomas Place, Ely.

Thieves damaged fencing at the rear of the site to gain entry and once inside, moved the camera so that it was pointing to the sky.

They then broke into storage containers and stole various tools and other items.

The break-in happened some time between December 24 and January 4 but it has only now been reported to police.

Anyone with information about the incident is urged to call police on 0345 4564564.

Safer networking for pupils on Schoolbook

A PRIMARY school has set up its own social networking site to allow pupils to safely socialise online.

Children at Ely St John's Primary School are now logging on to 'Schoolbook' instead of Facebook and other social networking sites.

The website is similar to other sites as it allows pupils to set up their own profiles, chat with friends, play games and upload photos.

However, every move they make is monitored by the school's IT team to ensure they are safe while online.

The project is the brainchild of Peter Firth, the school's IT co-ordinator.

Mr Firth told the *Weekly News*: "Most parents are already well aware of the potential hazards posed by their children's unsupervised use of the internet.

"Although the actual threat is relatively small compared, say, to the dangers of crossing the road, grooming by predatory men is an ever-present possibility if children use chat rooms, a social networking site or play online games.

"The beauty of our Schoolbook site is that pupils can do all the usual things they do online – but safely.

"I'm able to monitor everything they do, which may seem over the top, but safety should be paramount."

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Mr Firth created the site over the Christmas holidays and launched it at the start of the term.

He said: "We're only at the very early stages but already pupils can post things to their friends, write stories, tell jokes, upload their artwork and many other things. The site also has messaging, internal email and a shout box.

"We want to come up with lots more things so that it's as fun as possible for them but judging by the number of pupils logging on already they're enjoying it."

The site can be used by any of the school's pupils in Years 2-6 and is accessed from the school's main home page.

It comes just weeks after Cambridgeshire police warned parents to be on their guard after receiving reports of a man using social networking sites to groom children.

The constabulary is urging youngsters in East Cambridgeshire to be vigilant and parents to monitor what their children are doing on sites, including Facebook.

For more information, visit *www.esjweb.org.uk/public*

In the saddle: Kevin Robertson.

Picture: Richard Patterson 707689.

Pedal power for hospice funds

A SUPERFIT cyclist is riding from London to Paris to raise money for a hospice.

Kevin Robertson, 38, is hoping to raise £2,000 for Cambridge's Arthur Rank, which cares for patients in the Ely area, by completing the 320-mile trip in May.

Mr Robertson, a health and safety officer for Morrison's, has already raised £1,200 and is training with the Fen Amateur Cycling Team (FART), which rides out from Soham every Saturday morning.

Mr Robertson, of Gimbert Road, Soham, said: "It's a cause close to our family because my father-in-law was at Arthur Rank before he died.

"I've been training for six weeks now and it's great fun going out with the cycling group. I've been cycling up to 40 miles at a time. I'm feeling a lot fitter, healthier and have lost half a stone."

To support, the charity ride, go to *www.doitforcharity.com/KevinR*

To find out more about FART, call Robin Jones on 07824 486105.

Hunt for man after 'nasty' street attack

A WOMAN was the victim of a "nasty" attack in Soham after leaving a social club.

The 51-year-old victim from the town was walking home from the Comrades Club when she noticed a man walking on the opposite side of the road.

The man ran across the road and attacked her.

Detectives have released a description of the man and launched an appeal for witnesses.

The attacker is described as white, aged 25 to 30, 5ft 8in tall, slim and wearing a black cap, a plain dark hooded top and black jogging bottoms which had three stripes on each leg from the knee.

The incident happened just after midnight on Friday, January 14, in Churchgate Street.

Detective Sergeant Phill Richardson, who is investigating, said: "This was a particularly nasty ordeal for a woman who had been enjoying a social evening with friends and was on her way home.

"I would like to speak to anyone who might know this man, or perhaps saw him earlier in the area."

Anyone with information should call Det Sgt Richardson on 0345 456 4564 or Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

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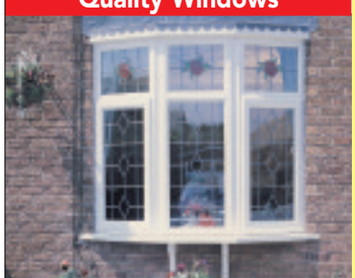

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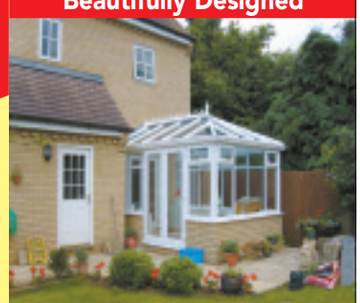

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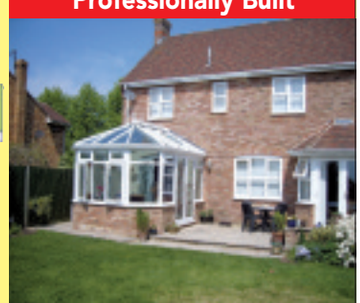

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Road charge plan is flawed

Sir, I read with alarm the article about a local authority scheme for raising money (Plan for new road charge – *Weekly News*, January 20)
Cllr Nichola Harrison may well have resigned from the Lib Dems, but her proposal smacks of her listening to Nick Clegg. He announced last week that he wants local authorities to be able to charge taxes on almost everything for which we are already taxed, e.g. road, fuel, stamp duty, income, etc. It is deeply perturbing how politicians of all parties and at all levels abuse their power at public expense.
Cllr Harrison's proposal to install meters in cars and charge for using most county roads is not only preposterous, it is flawed. What about all those who don't actually live in the county? How much would this scheme cost versus the money made? Allegedly, she has claimed that "instead of giving all our money to the Government, my argument is that it's better to make a relatively modest addition to our motoring costs locally, and use that money locally for our benefit". On what planet does she live? And for whose benefit would that be Cllr Harrison? We are taxed to the eyeballs on fuel and roads, among the highest in the world.
This is not about the environment, because if it was this county would be protecting the agricultural land instead of putting it under concrete. It would not be cramming as many people as possible into it.
All this will do is cause financial hardship to many, detrimentally affect businesses and keep the tourist industry at bay. I urge everyone who doesn't want this to make the effort and object to your local councillor and MP. Enough is enough.

Diana Donald
College Close
Soham

We already pay too many taxes

Sir, I think this is wrong. We pay high petrol prices, we pay high road taxes and we pay for MOTs which are also a form of tax.
People will be up in arms if we have to pay out more, a monthly wage only goes so far, we all have every day bills to pay but all the council and the Government want to do is keep taking more.
I say to you, Cllr Nichola Harrison, go and think again.

Steve Wright
Littleport

Bikes ignored in half-baked idea

Sir, I read with interest your article on Nichola Harrison's idea to charge for using roads in Cambridgeshire. How would this affect the lower paid/unemployed in the county? Those who can least afford to pay yet more money to travel, given the price of fuel/insurance etc.
I also failed to see anything about motorcycles. Does this mean that motorcyclists will be exempt from this scheme, or is this just another case of us being ignored by the council?
I fail to see why a bike should pay to use the roads, or at least not pay the same amount as a car, as we use less space and fuel and cause far less wear and tear on the road surface.
It's very annoying to see the way our councillors scrabble for attention in the press, with half-baked and ill-thought out ideas, apparently chucked out at random without any real research.
Given the huge waste of money spent on the guided busway, I would have thought a less radical/expensive scheme would have been better.

Iain "Trooper" Balloch
Poppyfields
Soham

Sign petition to force council rethink on leisure site

Sir, While I read about the cuts facing our local services, and how local charities will also have funding squeezed, I am amazed how our Conservative/LibDem council is pushing ahead with an out-of-town, multi-million pound leisure centre.
At a time when businesses are facing challenging times, our council is trying to encourage more people to visit an out-of-town development! Surely in challenging times we need to promote growth, and by keeping people in Ely it encourages people to shop in Ely. I realise the leisure facility will not only serve Ely but the surrounding villages, which makes it more vital to encourage these people to the centre of Ely.
The Paradise centre and pool are no longer capable of serving the growing population of Ely but I would have thought our council would have accounted for this in its Masterplan, or perhaps they look to do that in version three. I understand the current lease for the Paradise centre expires in 2085, and wonder how the council plans to address this, or will Ely have two sports centres until then?
I also question the Conservative leader Fred Brown's claim that he has managed to freeze council tax when his own Government stated in the emergency budget last year: "The Government will work in partnership with local authorities in England to implement a council tax freeze in 2011-12." So I guess he also forgot that the Government also suggests: "Situating key services ... in central locations within the town with access to local employment and leisure facilities." Or is Mr Brown worried about the forthcoming elections rather than concentrating on serving the people of East Cambridgeshire and providing them with the truth and the services they deserve?
I believe that upgrading the existing facilities would be more cost effective and serve the people and businesses of Ely better and urge the Conservative/LibDem council to rethink this plan and provide the services required for the new generation of Ely residents.
With this in mind I have started an online petition and urge the people of East Cambridgeshire and Ely to sign it to make this council listen to the people who elected it.
The petition can be found at *http://www.gopetition.com/petition/42296.html*

Big plans: East Cambridgeshire District Council wants to build a new leisure centre in Downham Road, near Ely Rugby Club. But some campaigners believe it should be built within the city centre.

Stephen Germeney
Christopher Tye Close
Ely

Beginning of the end for NHS?

Sir, "Are you feeling ill? Oh dear, then can I have your credit card please?"
Many who fall ill abroad have had a similar conversation, but surely the innocuously named Health and Social Care Bill 2011 presently being made law will not expose us here in Ely, Cambridge or Newmarket to such privatised treatment?
Well, yes, it will, artfully disguised as bureaucratic reforms, even 'modernisation' for efficiency, our 60- year-old NHS is being disembowelled before our eyes. A conversation with a local senior GP has alarmed me, opening my eyes to how he will now be legally required to pay for services for patients from whatever firm is the cheapest provider.
"'Tesco Care', 'Virgin Health', 'Giant Clinic Corporation' from USA, are possible companies to rival our old Addenbrooke's, Newmarket General and Princess of Wales," is how he put it. "The old NHS providers will wither on the vine until it is all private."
He fears the damage to the precious trust inherent in the doctor/patient relationship,
"You won't prescribe the treatment I need because of your budget! But I can pay for it myself! Outrageous!"
This GP predicts by the time he "hangs up his stethoscope, in five or 10 years" there will be no NHS.
Perhaps other readers should inquire of their elected representatives (some responses are well predictable) and their GPs too, about where exactly we are oh so quietly heading.

Rod Read
Bury Lane
Sutton Gault

Keep supporting our local shops

Sir, The Design and Marketing Group of the Ely Perspective is unanimous in its desire to applaud the traders of Ely and the service that they give to those who choose to shop in Ely. Whether it be for an elusive button, a child's birthday present, locally-sourced beef or teenage fashion, it is available.
At its monthly meetings, the group always discusses changes on the shopping streets of Ely and it is quite noticeable how few outlets are currently empty and the diversity that is there. Even in these difficult trading times there is willingness for individuals to try new ventures and the arrival and enlargement of stores operated by the national chains has helped to fill some of the gaps. In essence though, Ely appears to have a solid base of quality, small shops, useful chain stores, supplemented by the ever-popular markets and enticing budget outlets.
Of course, not all will be satisfied with what is on offer, but the population of Ely still has a way to go before its critical mass tempts some of the major names. This is also dictated by the size of the retail space available. Shops will come and go, but seldom remain empty for long so the trading areas maintain an air of prosperity which is enhanced by the splendid efforts of the Ely in Bloom and Christmas Lights volunteers. This all contributes to Ely's popularity with local shoppers and tourists.
We have the benefit of individual shops, owners who are ready to help maintain the ambiance of the shopping area and even the multi-national stores who are willing to support many local charities and interest groups.
It is up to the residents of Ely to continue to keep the city centre vibrant and support our local shops. Please do so.

Design and Marketing Group
Ely Perspective

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'Disgusting footpath poses health hazard'

BY JORDAN DAY

Email: editorial@elyweeklynews.co.uk

LITTER is turning a well-used footpath into an eyesore – and a health hazard, say frustrated residents.

Families in Soham are demanding a clean-up of Thorne Lane, the footpath which connects Kingfisher Drive's play area with Julius Martin Lane.

The path is the responsibility of East Cambridgeshire District Council but residents say it is being ignored by litter-pickers.

There are also no bins for people to use.

One resident, Sara Lang, said the "disgusting" state of the path was becoming a "health hazard".

Mrs Lang said: "The verges of the lane are bestrewn with litter of all nature – empty cans, bottles, plastic bags, polystyrene boxes, old tyres and cardboard.

"It is a complete eyesore as well as being unhygienic.

"Thorne Lane is used extensively by schoolchildren, residents and dog-walkers and is becoming a health hazard with the degree of festering litter and the revolting, disease-ridden ditch.

"Last week I picked up five glass bottles from the area and disposed of them in my own home recycling bin, as if they are left they get broken and pose a real threat of physical injury to children and dogs."

Last year, the lane was paved and council workmen had kept on top of the litter.

But now residents say the problem has become worse, both along the lane and in the play area - and they are demanding bins be installed.

Shirley Thompson, of Kingfisher Drive, said: "The fact we haven't got bins in such a well-used area is disgusting.

"Not everyone cares enough about the environment to take their litter home with them and if there aren't any bins they're just going to keep on dumping it. We can't go on like this any longer."

'Disgusting': the rubbish-strewn path.

Soham Town Council has also written to the district council calling for action.

A district council spokesman said: "We are aware of ongoing litter problems in Thorne Lane and are working with Veolia, our cleansing contractor, to improve the situation.

"Our monitoring officer will visit the site regularly to check the necessary work is now being carried out and he will also investigate suitable locations for litter bins in the area.

"We apologise for the inconvenience."

He also warned that officers would work to take action against litterers and fly-tippers in the area.

Hundreds share views on station

MORE than 500 people have had their say on how Ely railway station could be improved – and the consultation is still ongoing.

As reported in the *Weekly News*, East Cambridgeshire District Council is currently seeking views on how the station's links with other forms of transport can be enhanced.

In the first two weeks of the consultation, the authority has received 299 responses to the station user survey. A further 229 people have responded to the station non-user survey.

The survey wants feedback from people about how they travel to and from Ely station and how easy or difficult it is to access.

Cllr Peter Moakes, chairman of the council's strategic development committee, said: "To collect over 500 responses in under two weeks is really encouraging and goes to show how interested those people who use the area are in the future of the railway station.

"The good news is there is still time to have your say as the online survey is available until January 31, so go online and have your say."

Questionnaires can be completed online at *www.elystationsurvey.co.uk* until Monday.

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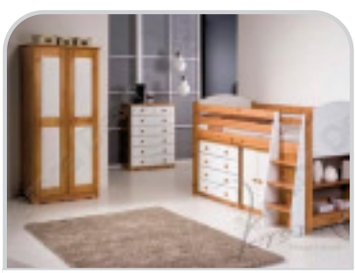

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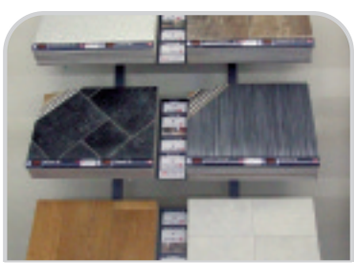

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Deaths

BULLMAN. Mervyn of Ely (formerly of Cambridge) died peacefully on Tuesday, January 18th, 2011, at Arthur Rank Hospice, Cambridge, aged 82 years. Much loved dad of Lesley, father-in-law to Mick and grandad of Steven and Lauren. Funeral service at Cambridge City Crematorium (East Chapel) on Thursday, January 27th, 2011, at 1.45pm. Family flowers only but donations for Arthur Rank Hospice Charities may be left at the service or sent to Ely Funeral Service Limited, 4 Tower Road, Ely. CB7 4HW.

Acknowledgements

YARROW. David, Dinah and the family of the late Frank wish to express their sincere thanks for cards and messages of sympathy received during their recent sad loss. A special thank you to all who attended the funeral service and gave donations in his memory for East Anglian Air Ambulance which amounts to £529 to date. Please accept this as the only acknowledgement.

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Raiders flee with tools

POLICE are appealing for information following a burglary in Ely's High Street.

Thieves forced the ground floor window of a building and stole numerous items, including tools and a radio, before exiting out a front door.

The incident happened between 3.30pm on January 18 and 8.15am the following day.

Anyone with information should call police on 0345 4564564.

Farm store plans go in

TWO new farm buildings could be built in Littleport.

Mr S Wright, of Horseley Hale Farm, Littleport, has applied for planning permission to erect the agricultural storage buildings on land west of Poplar Drove.

A decision could be made by East Cambridgeshire District Council within the next two months.

To see the plans, go to *www.eastcambs.gov.uk*

Couple's bid for orangery

A HOUSE in Ely could soon boast its own orangery.

Mr and Mrs S Watts, of Broad Street, have applied for planning permission to build an orangery at the rear of their home.

The decision lies with East Cambridgeshire District Council and could be made within the next eight weeks.

To view the plans, go to *www.eastcambs.gov.uk*

Proposal for three homes

THREE new homes could be built in Soham.

Mr S Johnson, of Bury Road, Newmarket, has applied for planning permission to build the properties at 9A, Churchgate Street, Soham.

East Cambridgeshire District Council could make a decision on the proposals within the next eight weeks.

To have your say, visit *www.eastcambs.gov.uk*

Change of use at yard

A TRANSPORT yard could become a haulage and storage yard instead.

Bosses at N Edwards Transport Ltd in Fordham Road, Soham, have applied to change the use of the business.

The decision lies with East Cambridgeshire District Council and could be made within the next eight weeks.

To see the proposals, go to *www.eastcambs.gov.uk*

COMMUNITY NEWS

Email your Community News to editorial@elyweeklynews.co.uk

Ely

TRACING FAMILIES: Need help tracing your family tree?

Bernard Amps will be the guest speaker at the next Fenland History on Friday talk in Ely.

Entitled 'Overcoming brick walls in Family History', the talk will help people trace their roots.

The talk will be held at Ely Library tomorrow at 10.30am. All are welcome.

For more information, call Mike Petty on (01353) 648106.

HERITAGE WALK: Take part in the BBC's *Turn Back Time* season in Ely on Sunday.

A guided walk will be held around the city to celebrate its heritage and past.

It will depart from Oliver Cromwell House at 11am and take in the High Street, Market Place and the Cloisters.

As part of the tour there will also be refreshments, hands-on workshops and storytelling.

Tickets are £2.50 and must be pre-booked. Call (01353) 662062.

BACK TO 1417: Take a step back in time and learn more about Ely's history.

The Friends of Ely Museum's next talk will be on Thursday, February 3 and is entitled 'Ely in 1417: the street-by-street survey'.

Anne Holton-Krayenbuhl will hosting the event, which takes place at the museum, on Market Street, at 7.30pm. All are welcome.

WALKERS' PARTY: Do you want to help celebrate the 75th anniversary of the East Cambs Rambling Group?

A celebratory meal will held at the Merry Monk in Isleham tomorrow at 7.30pm.

Anyone interested in attending should call Chris or Ros on (01353) 723150.

FLORAL FLAIR: Tim Meakin, from Outwell, will be guest speaker at the City of Ely Flower Club's next meeting.

The talk, entitled 'Designs with a Difference' is on Thursday, February 3 at Needhams Hall, the City of Ely Community College.

It starts at 7.15pm and all are welcome.

For more information, call Grace on (01353) 661457.

Littleport

WINNING LINES: Littleport film writer Deborah Curtis has been judged joint winner of Cambridgeshire County Council's and BBC Radio Cambridgeshire's writers' competition, 'A Sense of Place'.

Mrs Curtis, from the village's Field Theatre Group, won with *Land Lines*, a poetic evocation of the fenland landscape.

The opening section of *Land Lines* was recently performed by six actors from the group.

The piece was accompanied by beautiful images of the Fens with sound and music.

The full version is currently in rehearsal and includes "wire songs", ambient music derived from pylons and telegraph wires.

The Field Theatre Group exists to bring professional quality theatre arts events to Littleport, and to celebrate Fenland heritage.

For more information, call (01353) 863595.

Soham

DANCERS LINE UP: Lovers of country music and line dancing are in for a treat.

New country music nights, complete with line dancing, are being held in Soham.

They will be held at the Comrades Club and the first kicks off tomorrow at 8pm.

Popular duo Cheyenne will be entertaining the crowds.

For more information, call (01638) 741402.

ROOTS AT THE TREE: Roots-friendly sounds will be taking over the Cherry Tree pub in Soham on Monday, February 7.

Soham Festival Society will hold its regular festival folk session at the pub from 8.30pm onwards.

All are welcome to join in with the fun.

For more information, call Graham Steward on (01353) 778655.

Sutton

CLIFF AT CLUB: Sutton Royal British Legion Club presents male vocalist Cliff on Saturday from 8pm. Entry is free to members, £1 for their guests, and new members are always very welcome.

Contact (01353) 778330 for further details.

Weddings

If you would like a wedding photograph published in the *Weekly News*, send the photo, along with full details to: *Ely Weekly News*, 27 Market Place, Ely CB7 4NP.

Piper – Page

Richard Piper and Natalie Page, both of Ely, were married at Kilchurn Castle, Loch Awe, Argyll and Bute, Scotland.

New housing bid, but rail 'unlikely'

BY JACK GROVE

Email: editorial@elyweeklynews.co.uk

PLANS for 500 new homes, a primary school and a community centre on the north-east edge of Ely will be unveiled tomorrow.

The proposals for land east of the Princess of Wales Hospital will go on display at St Mary's Junior School, in High Barns, Ely, from 6pm at an event held by the Church Commissioners, an investment company run by the Church of England.

The plans for Highflyer Farm could be the first phase of a scheme to build thousands of homes north of Ely over the next 15 years, expanding its population from 15,000 to 25,000 residents.

Residents will be able to comment on the plans tomorrow night until 8.30pm, and on Saturday between 10am and 2pm.

Ely mayor Cllr Brian Ashton, who, with other City of Ely councillors, was consulted on the plans this week, said: "I welcome the confidence expressed by this planning application in the future of Ely.

"The Church Commissioners have prepared an exciting, interesting plan for the future development of Ely.

"Many features in it reflect the potential for producing a coherent and integrated future development for the north of Ely."

Cllr Mike Rouse, who represents north Ely on the city council, added: "This outline application is certainly a very worthy attempt at a plan.

"It shows how a boulevard will access the whole of north Ely from Thistle Corner roundabout.

"The large part of the lower lying areas is allocated to the country park and there is considerable impetus for an urban drainage system.

"They have put a lot of thought into the design. It recognises that mistakes have been made in the past and that this site deserves a very high degree of thought into how it links to other parts of the city."

Asked whether the redevelopment could pave the way for the reopening of Chettisham railway station, Cllr Rouse was less convinced.

He said: "When you think what trains might stop there and what line it is on, it does not seem that likely. But who knows what might happen in 20 or 30 years time. At this stage, however, it's unlikely."

The site is identified for new homes in the Ely Masterplan, which was published by East Cambridgeshire District Council in spring last year.

A project website, *www.highflyerfarm-ely.co.uk*, will be live from Monday.

Joanna Loxton, planning and development manager for the Church Commissioners said: "We are fully committed to consultation with the local community in Ely and all feedback received will be carefully considered."

Tobacco search lead to collision

A MOTORIST crashed into a churchyard wall after looking away from the road to find his tobacco, a court heard.

Twenty-year-old William Lines had only passed his driving test three months before the collision in High Street, Sutton.

It happened at around 9am on September 12 while driving his father's Toyota Hilux.

Lines, of Elizabeth Court, Sutton, appeared at Ely Magistrates' Court last Thursday, where he pleaded guilty to a charge of driving without due care and attention.

Paul Brown, prosecuting, said: "Lines was driving along the High Street when he came to a sharp bend beside the church.

"As he went round the bend, he lost control of the vehicle and mounted the grass verge underneath the church wall.

"It grazed the wall and the vehicle tipped over.

"He told police he was looking down to find his tobacco at the time."

Unrepresented in court, Lines said: "I was driving my dad's car so I was unfamiliar with the steering wheel and I know looking down for my tobacco was completely wrong.

"I passed my test in June, 2010.

"I was also in a rush for football at the time."

Magistrates endorsed Lines's driving licence with four penalty points.

He was also fined £60, ordered to pay £70 court costs and £15 victim surcharge.

Canvas shines light on the fens

A YOUNG artist has lent his latest masterpiece for Ely Museum to exhibit.

Student artist Jack Bainbridge offered to lend *Sunset over the Fens* to the museum to help local schoolchildren learn more about the local landscape.

Mr Bainbridge said: "The sunset over the fens reflected in the floodplains has a light unique to this area.

"It is magnified by huge skies and vast landscapes that is an inspiration for any artist, especially as I love the challenge of trying to capture and recreate light."

Elie Hughes, museum curator, said "This beautiful painting is now displayed in our Fenland gallery.

"Not only can visitors appreciate it as a wonderful piece of art but it also illustrates unique aspects of the fenland landscape, particularly the vast skies, to visitors both local and from further afield.

"The museum is very grateful to Jack for lending the painting."

The museum, located in Market Street, is open Monday and Wednesday-Saturday from 10.30am-4pm and Sunday from 1-4pm.

For more information, call (01353) 666655.

Capturing unique light: Jack Bainbridge's Sunset over the Fens is now on display at Ely Museum.

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Man to face fraud charge

A LITTLEPORT man will appear before a judge, charged with fraud by false representation.

Paul Fuller, of Wisbech Road, is accused of making a gain of £9,100 by providing false company information and paperwork from a fictitious company on April 1, 2008.

The 48-year-old appeared at Ely Magistrates' Court last Thursday where no plea was entered to the charge.

Fuller elected for the case to be heard at Cambridge Crown Court.

A formal committal hearing will be heard at Ely Magistrates' Court on March 3.

Fuller was released on unconditional bail.

Alzheimer's support date

A DROP-IN session for Alzheimer's sufferers and carers will take place in Sutton next week.

Two advisors from the Alzheimer's Society will be on hand at the Glebe, in High Street, Sutton, on Tuesday from 10am to 2pm.

Visitors will be able to find out more about the neurological disease and support available for patients.

Mushroom bid causes a stink

BY JORDAN DAY

Email: editorial@elyweeklynews.co.uk

FURIOUS residents have vowed to fight plans for a 40-acre mushroom farm in their village.

Protestors say the development of a state-of-the-art mushroom farm and anaerobic digestion plant in Littleport will have a "devastating" effect on their lives.

Alan Rogerson, whose home on the A1101, Mildenhall Road, overlooks the proposed site, has launched a campaign against the plans and already has more than 40 residents behind him.

Mr Rogerson, an agricultural engineer, said: "There are a lot of people who are furious about this.

"We're going to try and fight the plans to the very end."

As reported in the *Weekly News*, local firms G's Growers and Produce Global Solutions (PGS) want to build the multi-million pound farm on land at May Farm, on Mildenhall Road.

The proposals, if approved would create more than 100 jobs, and provide locally-sourced mushrooms to companies across the continent.

But the companies also want to build a 2.5 megawatt anaerobic digestion plant adjacent to the farm – which is causing campaigners the most concern.

The firms say the digestion plant would power the facility using waste from crop-growing operations in the area. Any surplus energy generated would be fed back to the national grid to power nearby homes and businesses.

Residents are concerned about the smell the digestion plant could produce.

Mr Rogerson said: "We don't object to the mushroom farm as such – we live in the fens and farming is good. It's the digestion plant that is our bone of contention.

"Our main concerns are the stench it will give off, air pollution and the visual impact it will have on our open fenland.

"This will also put thousands more lorries onto our rural roads each year and they cannot cope.

"We believe people's lives will be put at risk by the extra traffic this development would cause."

The campaigners were among more than 100 residents who attended a public exhibition at the village hall last week to find out more about the proposals.

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>
> Alan Rogerson

Mr Rogerson said: "We put our point across and asked questions, and all we got was woolly answers.

"We're now going to sit down and do more research to strengthen the campaign."

The plans have been unveiled ahead of a formal planning application due to be submitted in February.

G's Growers and PGS insist the plans will have a "positive knock-on effect for a large number of people".

■ **What do you think? Are you opposed to the plans or do you applaud the firms' bid to generate their own green power. Send your letters to: *editorial@elyweeklynews.co.uk***

Police pass for security at car parks

BY JORDAN DAY

Email: editorial@elyweeklynews.co.uk

MOTORISTS can rest easy, knowing their vehicles are safe while parked in Ely.

Car parks throughout the city have retained the Park Mark status, which recognise their high standards and low levels of crime.

Barton Road, Brays Lane, Forehill, Newnham Street, Ship Lane, St Mary's Street and Angel Drove car parks all made the grade following an assessment by police.

The Safer Parking Award Scheme Park Mark look at how the car parks deter criminal activity and anti-social behaviour.

Tracey Harding, team leader for tourism and town centres at East Cambridgeshire District Council, said: "It is really important that the people who use our car parks know the facility is as safe as possible.

"Achieving the status is not easy. An independent assessor looks at many different factors before giving a car park the thumbs up.

"The award for our facilities is vindication of the hard work of our town centre rangers who patrol the car parks every day and the measures we have put in place to deter criminals."

The inspection takes into account the layout of the car park, whether there is CCTV, how often a car park is patrolled, the cleanliness of the facility, maintenance, crime statistics, lighting and signage.

Mrs Harding said: "However, this does not mean that any of us should be complacent.

"Valuables such as sat-navs, handbags and mobile phones must be kept out of view or, better still, be taken out of the car altogether.

"If we are all vigilant we can keep the local crime rate down in East Cambridgeshire."

Girl power: Nicky Jackson, left, EACH fundraiser, accepts the cheque from Linda McCormack, owner of Energie Fitness, along with Gillian Sykes and staff member Janet Angya.

Picture: Keith Heppell 706241

Ladies who exercise raise hospice cash

A LADIES-ONLY gym has raised money for a children's hospice.

Energie Fitness, in Ely, which is run by Linda McCormack, held a raffle and raised £150 for East Anglia's Children's Hospices (EACH).

Members donated prizes including gift vouchers, beauty products and a homemade Christmas cake for the raffle, which was held in November.

Mrs McCormack, who opened the gym last September, has presented a cheque to EACH, which has a branch in Milton.

She said: "We wanted to support a local charity so we chose EACH because it's such an important charity.

"My sons are pupils at The King's School, who are strong supporters of EACH, which is another reason for supporting the charity.

"We all had a good time and I'm sure we will fundraise for EACH again in the future."

Nicky Jackson, community fundraiser for EACH, said: "It's wonderful to have the support of Energie Fitness and we would like to thank Linda and all the members who contributed and took part in the raffle."

Win a break for two at fine Fenland sanctuary

ADVERTISING FEATURE

LET'S look forward to spring and a healthier, more relaxed you. Now is the time to treat yourself and there is no better way to relieve your stresses than a visit to luxurious Wood Fen Lodge, just outside of Ely.

This soothing sanctuary is beautifully placed amongst four acres of Fenland countryside, including a smallholding where much of its delicious fare comes from and features a stunning thermae spa.

There is a selection of packages to choose from such as 'The Three Rs' (relax, refresh, rejuvenate) which includes full use of the spa's sauna and a glass of bucks fizz in the hot tub, two mini treatments which can include a manicure, pedicure, facial, Indian head massage or back massage, a healthy lunch, with the treat of a glass of mulled wine and chocolates in front of the wood burning stove or Pimms on the terrace, all for a mere £50.

For £100 you can enjoy the same package, plus a three-course dinner, an overnight stay at the guesthouse and a delicious full English breakfast the next day.

There are also bridal hair, beauty and hen night packages and a junior birthday package for children aged 12 and above.

If it's a getaway you're after, consider one of Wood Fen's restful yoga retreats (the next is April 15). Spread over three days these include fresh home cooked, vegetarian meals and full use of the spa, as well as several yoga classes.

If that wasn't enough, Wood Fen also offers hair and beauty treatments, including Dermalogica facials, enzymatic sea mud wraps, and holistic therapies.

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Wood Fen Lodge: Little Downham sanctuary is well worth a visit.

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'We can't see twin tapestry'

BY JORDAN DAY

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A COLOURFUL tapestry commissioned to celebrate the link between Ely and Ribe – its Danish twin town – is being "hidden" from view.

Community leaders are now demanding action to show the artwork.

In 2004, former mayor of Ely, Cllr Richard Hobbs, suggested that a special tapestry be made in Denmark and put on permanent public display in Ely.

Ely has been twinned with Ribe, Denmark's oldest town in Jutland, since 1956.

Members of the Ely-Ribe Association agreed the tapestry would be an ideal way to celebrate the twinning's 50th anniversary in 2006.

Award-winning Danish artist Mona Lise Martinussen was commissioned by the City of Ely Council to weave a tapestry illustrating the features of both cities and in 2006 it was unveiled in the foyer of The Maltings – where it has been ever since.

But as The Maltings is open to the public "less and less", the Ely-Ribe Association is worried about the future of the tapestry.

Cllr Hobbs, a member of the association, said: "The foyer of The Maltings seemed the ideal location – it was one of Ely's most popular places at the time for both locals and tourists.

"Now because it's closed more than it's open and because it's so quiet, nobody is able to really see the tapestry as it's hidden.

"This beautiful piece of art was commissioned for the benefit of the whole community and it's a great tourist attraction.

"For it to be stuck behind doors the majority of the time is sad."

He added: "Every time we ask what's happening with The Maltings we're palmed off.

"We're getting no feedback from anybody but people need to know what's happening – not just for the sake of the tapestry – but for the sake of the whole building."

As reported in the *Weekly News*, many residents have been voicing their concerns about the future of much-loved community hub, saying fewer functions are being held there.

There have also been rumours that some employees have been made redundant.

But Compass Group UK, which runs The Maltings on behalf of East Cambridgeshire District Council, said it was "business as usual" at the venue.

A spokeswoman for the firm added: "Compass has made no redundancies at The Maltings, in fact we have just recruited a new team member."

Looking back: Night Watchman, Cllr Vagn Sorensen, from Ribe, Ely mayor John Ison, his attendant Helen Ison and Cllr Richard Hobbs, unveil the new tapestry at Ely Maltings in 2006. The twinning association says the artwork is being "hidden" from public view.

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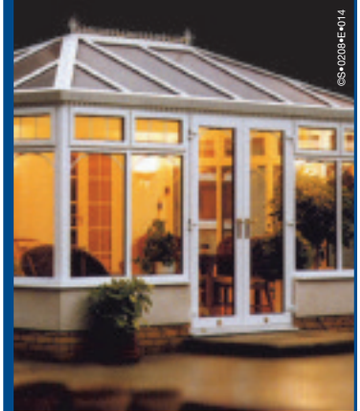

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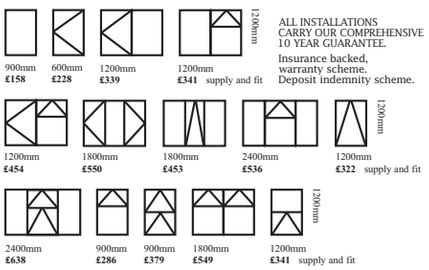

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Linda Hutchinson, Branch Coordinator says "In common with all other animal charities, we have been under huge pressure this year to rehome unwanted cats and kittens. Apart from those who are handed in as their owners cannot keep them, they have been dozens of unwanted kittens as people are not getting their cats neutered. To help reduce the numbers of kittens, we are running a "Neuter Your Cat for £5" scheme enabling people on low incomes to get their cats neutered for only £5, using the vet of their choice in Ely or Soham".

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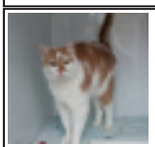

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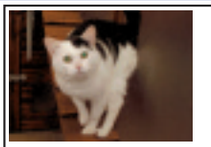

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Drunk man took brother's Rover

BY JORDAN DAY

Email: editorial@elyweeklynews.co.uk

A DRUNK man who took his brother's car without permission came close to setting it alight, a court heard.

Joseph Oliver, 21, downed more than 10 cans of lager on New Year's Eve before stealing his brother's car keys and driving off in the early hours.

His brother, Benjamin Oliver, went to bed at around 3am on New Year's Day, looked out the window and noticed his Rover Sprite was missing.

When he went downstairs, he saw the car keys had disappeared and believed either his father or brother had taken the vehicle.

Paul Brown, prosecuting, said: "About an hour went by before Mr Oliver reported the incident to police. He was concerned because he knew his brother was drunk."

At around noon on New Year's Day, Oliver, who has since been thrown out of his family home in High Street, Sutton, handed himself into Ely police station.

Mr Brown said: "He told police he'd drunk more than 10 cans of lager that night and that around midnight he walked home from a friend's house.

"He told them he took the keys and drove his brother's car knowing he was drunk and that he didn't have his brother's consent.

"He told them he drove to Ely and then to a dirt track in Mepal.

"There, he damaged the ignition and put a rag in the fuel tank because he considered setting it alight. However, he said he couldn't bring himself to do it.

"He then left the car, walked to a friend's house and stayed there for the night, before waking up and realising what he'd done."

Oliver, who is now living in High Barns, Ely, appeared at Ely Magistrates' Court last Thursday where he pleaded guilty to a charge of aggravated vehicle taking and vehicle damage, and using a motor vehicle without third party insurance.

Unrepresented in court, he said: "I'm really ashamed about what I did to my brother and want to pay him every penny."

Magistrates disqualified Oliver from driving for 12 months.

He was also ordered to complete 100 hours of unpaid work in the local community, to pay £300 compensation to his brother and £70 court costs.

Keep winter chill at bay, employers told

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The environmental health team at East Cambridgeshire District Council says it has received an increasing number of complaints about low temperatures at offices and businesses.

Employers are being urged to make sure temperatures reach at least 16C in the first hour of work.

Regulations also require the temperatures of most workplaces to reach "a reasonable level of comfort without the need of special clothing".

Liz Knox, the council's head of environmental services, said: "As people have wrapped up warm to cope with the conditions, we have had an increasing number of calls asking about what the law is regarding temperatures in the workplace.

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Reporter JORDAN DAY puts his best foot – and pole – forward to learn about a quirky new sport in the Fens

Being a dog owner, going for a walk is something I've had to grow to love.

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Nordic walking, originally known as ski walking, involves striding out with poles, similar to those used by skiers.

It evolved as an off-season ski-training activity, where skiers could exercise and train all year-round without having snow under their feet.

Today, across the world, people of all ages are reaping the benefits of this quirky activity.

Oliver Gynn, from Swaffham Bulbeck, is a qualified Nordic walking instructor and runs private classes for those who want to give it a go.

This month he has also been running free taster sessions at Wicken Fen Nature Reserve.

And that's where I found myself last week as I borrowed a pair of poles and spent half-an-hour learning the techniques.

After a few laps of the field at the end of the session, according to Oliver, I was doing it like the professionals,

"The beauty with Nordic walking is that it's so simple and it just comes naturally," he said.

"Once someone's been shown how to professionally hold the poles and move forward, they're away.

"It's simply a case of letting your arms relax, walking as normal with the poles in your hands and then your arms naturally want to get involved so they move the poles for you.

"It's like skiing on land, without the skis and without the snow, but with all the benefits."

Not only does Nordic walking make you look like a professional walker, compared to when I'm being dragged along by the dog, it also makes you feel good.

My arms and chest felt strong, my legs felt toned and I definitely felt I had burned more calories than I would have done on a normal walk.

"The benefits are huge," Oliver said.

"Nordic walking doesn't take up any extra energy compared to normal walking but it actually burns 40 per cent more energy, therefore, burning more calories and increasing your heart rate.

"It increases overall strength, works the muscles properly and improves balance and stability.

"It's also great for people recovering from injuries or operations. I recently had my knee replaced and within three weeks I was back using the poles.

"Seven weeks later my doctor can't believe how well it's healed."

■ Free Nordic walking taster sessions are still on at Wicken Fen.

The sessions will run on Saturday at 10am, 10.45am and 11.30am, and all equipment will be provided.

For more information, call (01353) 720274, 07947 835522 or visit *www.nordicwellbeing.co.uk*

Following in his footsteps: *Weekly News* reporter Jordan Day, right, tries out Nordic walking at Wicken Fen with, below from left, Howard Cooper, John Hughes and Fiona Symonds. Pictures: Gary Morrisroe 707146 / 707142 / 707143.

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Rodney and Olive Bilson have lived on Ely's High Barns estate for more than 15 years.

This year, they have been awarded a Certificate of Excellence in Gardening by Sanctuary Housing after judges visited their plot last summer.

Mr Bilson, 72, said: "We love our garden and we're really pleased to get this certificate.

"We usually spend a few hours out in the garden each day and even more during the summer.

"We were surprised to win it, though."

In a letter to the couple, Matt Nelson, resident involvement officer at Sanctuary Housing, said: "I would like to thank you for all the hard work you put in to keeping your garden in such a beautiful condition, and for helping to make your estate a brighter, more pleasant environment."

Villagers' 28pc tax hike 'shock'

BY JORDAN DAY

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VILLAGERS have been hit by a "shocking" 28 per cent rise in their parish precept.

Sutton Parish Council approved the hike just days after East Cambridgeshire District Council confirmed it planned to freeze council tax to "reduce the strain" on residents.

Parish councillor David Atkinson, who voted against the increase, has written to Local Government Minister Eric Pickles to inform him of the "excessive" increase.

But Rosie Seymour, clerk to the parish council, insists it is "fully justifiable".

Cllr Atkinson said: "I feel sickened and genuinely upset for the taxpayers of Sutton.

"Since becoming a councillor, I have tried to represent the best interests of the parishioners.

"In view of this unprecedented and shocking increase, I fear to little effect."

The precept is the amount the parish council collects each year to meet its spending requirements.

The increase in Sutton will see taxpayers in a Band D property pay £2.31 a week.

Cllr Atkinson said: "There were a few of us who voted against this but it went through by the majority vote.

"The district council has frozen council tax yet we have now forced people to pay 28 per cent more.

"These are difficult times for people and this is an awful lot more money for families to have to pay."

Mrs Seymour defended the hike. She said: "Sutton Parish Council had a full council meeting when it was resolved that the precept would be set at £166,500.

"Last year's figure was £130,000.

"This decision is fully justifiable and reflects the sheer amount of services and facilities we provide for the benefit of villagers."

By comparison, Littleport Parish Council has increased its precept by just 0.1 per cent and Wilburton and Little Downham parish councils' precepts look set to stay the same.

Little Thetford Parish Council has increased its precept by 4 per cent and Coveney's has increased by 8 per cent.

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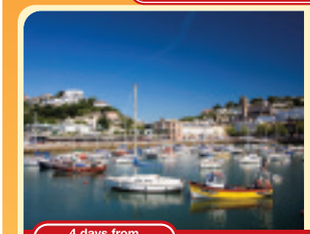

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MEMORIES

■ **THIS week's picture, taken from our archives, shows a presentation of gifts. Do you recognise anyone in the picture or know what the event was? Do you know where and when it was taken?**

Send your answers to: Memories, *Ely Weekly News,* 27 Market Place, Ely, CB7 4NP by Tuesday morning, or email *editorial@elyweeklynews.co.uk*

Picture: 705491.

Last week's Memories photograph, from our archives, showed members of Ely Running Club pounding the pavement. It was taken in February, 1989.

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Advertisement Feature

Charity Plea for Gifts & Donations

DO you have any not needed Christmas presents laying around. If so you could donate them to help raise money for the Arthur Rank Hospice Charity.

Ely man Robert Barnes launched the Lisa Barnes Memorial Fund last October in memory of his wife Lisa, who died on September 15, 2010.

Mr Barnes aims too raise £100,000 for the Arthur Rank Hospice, which is where Lisa was cared for whilst she battled stomach cancer.

So far he has raised more than £9,000 and now he says people's not needed Christmas gifts could help him raise more money for the hospice. Mr Barnes said: "Everyone's been so supportive and on Saturday 15th January he handed over the first cheque for £7500 to Dr Lynn Morgan. "I'm sure there are many people out there who were given gifts at Christmas that they will probably never use."Instead of leaving them to hide away or lie around, I would like it if people donated them.,

"I would use them as tombola and raffle prizes, helping to raise much-needed funds for the hospice."

The Arthur Rank Hospice Charity supports the work of the Hospice and must raise £1million each year in order to provide the vital services needed by patients such as Lisa and their families.

Robert Barnes presents a cheque for £7500 to Dr Lynn Morgan, Chief Executive of Arthur Rank Hospice Charity

Lisa was a much-loved member of the community, she was a volunteer mentor at Fenland District Council and Cambridgeshire County Council.and throughout her illness was affectionately know as our little soldier, The last eight days of her life were spent at the hospice.Now Mr Barnes wants to give something back for the care they provided to his wife and the support they gave him throughout Lisa's illness.

He said: "Lisa was dedicated to others during her lifetime and that is why we have established the fund in her honour."

If you wish to make a donation, call Mr Barnes on (01353) 669880 or email lisaloulabelle@yahoo.co.uk

Alternatively, bring your not needed gifts into the Ely Weekly News office at 27, Market Place, Ely.

Forthcoming events include a raffle at the Colin Fry event on Friday 29th January at the Brook in Soham, a Bingo at the Hiams Social Club in Prickwillow. Tuesday March 8th and the Rock `n roll Paradise on 16th July at the Brook in Soham.

To keep up to date with the fund and upcoming events, visit www.lisabarnesmemorialfund.org.uk

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Dancing dream with Arlene

A FAMILY with a passion for dance got the chance to meet famous choreographer Arlene Phillips.

Rachael Smyth and her three children – Ariana, 14, Athena, 6, and Aurelia, 3 – enjoyed a masterclass with the legendary director at London's Pineapple Dance Studios.

The family, from Ely, won the treat in a competition run by national food company McCain and Heart FM.

They watched *Grease: The Musical* in London's West End before learning a dance routine from the show choreographed by Arlene.

They also become radio stars on Heart Breakfast, reporting back on their experience, after being crowned the station's 'family of the month'.

The Smyth family won the competition after impressing judges with their inspiring entry on the theme of family pride.

Mrs Smyth said: "My daughters are dance-crazy and Ariana's dream is to join Pineapple Dance Studios."

Highlights from Arlene's special *Grease* masterclass will be broadcast on Heart Breakfast when the family will co-present the show tomorrow.

Kev and Ros, presenters of Heart Breakfast, said: "After their dance masterclass with Arlene, who knows what could be next for the Smyth family? We look forward to meeting them to find out how they got on."

Star turn: Arlene Phillips, centre, with mum Rachael Smyth, and children Ariana, 14, Athena, 6, and Aurelia, 4. CP.

Vandals attack cars

THREE vehicles have been damaged by vandals in Haddenham.

The cars were parked in Glebe Way when offenders struck overnight on Saturday, January 15.

A Jaguar X-type vehicle had its boot scratched and an Audi A4 had two horizontal lines scratched across its boot.

Another vehicle was also scratched on its bonnet.

On the same night in the village, thieves smashed their way into a car and made off with a sat-nav.

The Vauxhall Cavalier was parked in Froize End when offenders smashed the front driver's side window.

Call police on 0345 4564564 with any information.

Window used to gain entry

BURGLARS broke into a property in Ely's Chapel Street.

Offenders forced a ground floor rear window and stole numerous items from inside.

The break-in happened some time on January 17.

Anyone who saw anything suspicious should call police on 0345 4564564.

Thieves flee with tractor

A TRACTOR and trailer have been stolen from Littleport.

They were parked in Wisbech Road when they were taken overnight on January 17.

Anyone with any information is urged to call police on 0345 4564564.

Works plan for park pathways

BY JORDAN DAY

Email: editorial@elyweeklynews.co.uk

WORK is set to start on improving three paths in and around Ely's Country Park.

East Cambridgeshire District Council says the improvements will enable people of all ages and physical abilities to access the site more easily.

One of the paths affected is the section of Springhead Lane, off Lisle Lane, leading into the park.

As well as laying a granite dust finish to create an even surface, workmen will also be de-silting drainage ditches in the area to improve the flow of streams.

The country park loop path will also be expanded to form a route around the play area and the People's Wood to link it with Cresswells Lane's and Fisherman's car parks.

The third path to be improved will be the public right-of-way from the river along to Kiln Lane on the southern flood field, which will be resurfaced.

Dr Ian Mell, the council's green infrastructure development officer, said: "The aim of the country park is to be a place that everyone – no matter their age or physical abilities – can enjoy.

"To achieve this goal we need to improve the existing network of paths to ensure they don't become a muddy mess at the first hint of rain, stopping children, the elderly and those with physical disabilities accessing the park.

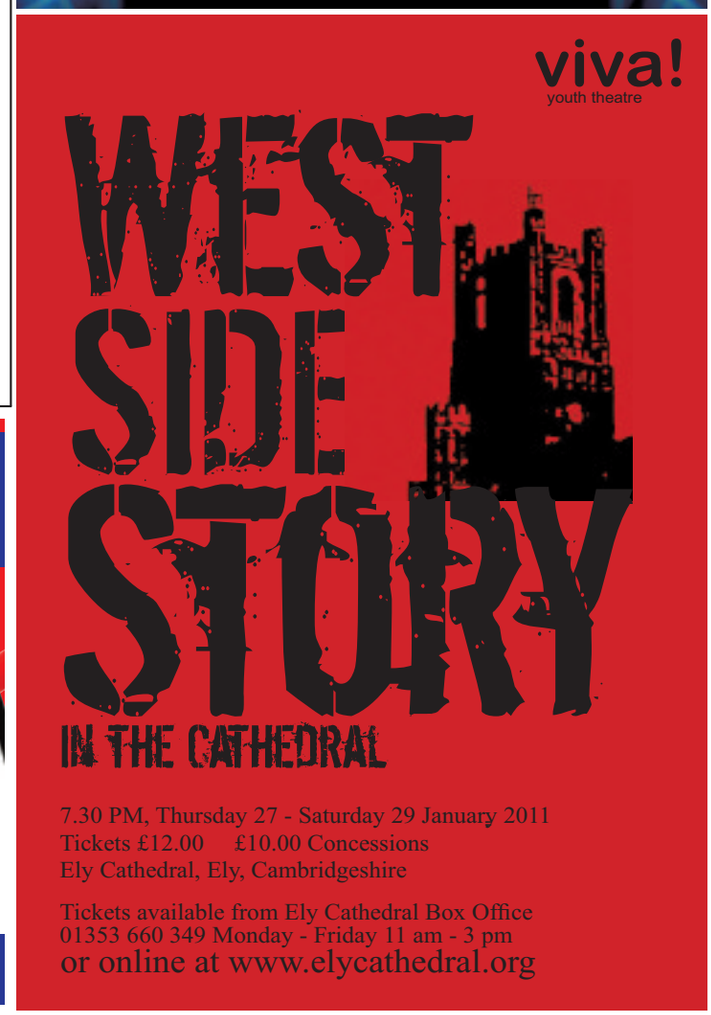
"The work should be completed in early March ready for everyone to set off adventures in the spring."

The work, which will take about six weeks, is part of a number of projects to develop the area in the park using money available from the Government's Housing Growth Fund.

Access to the paths will be limited during the works with the Springhead Lane scheme likely to lead to the temporary closure of that route into the park.

Other work to be tackled over the next six weeks will include re-turfing and re-modelling the hilltop slide, laying grass matting to improve access to the maze and general tidying up of the park.

The works on Springhead Lane and in the southern flood field will start on Monday.



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Meet funny Dr Phil and grumpy Arthur

There's a funny start to February at The Maltings . . .

Two top comedians are heading to The Maltings on Ely's Waterside next month.

Dr Phil Hammond will be appearing on stage on Tuesday, February 8.

Caroline Cawley, marketing manager at ADeC, which has organised the show, said: "The *Independent* has described him as a 'thought-provoking, scalpel sharp stand-up'. We're very happy to welcome practicing GP (just), writer, broadcaster and possibly the only comedian to have appeared at a public inquiry.

"He is *Private Eye's* medical correspondent, *The One Show's* science correspondent and has been a regular on *Have I Got News For You*, Radio 4's *The News Quiz* and *The Now Show* and *Countdown*.

"Dr Phil is rude about everything – politicians, doctors, death, drugs, sex, himself – but in a nice way. Unlike most comedians, Phil gives his audience a choice of material. Political or anatomical? Then, like any other doctor, he does exactly as he wants."

ADeC is offering an NHS reduced price ticket for this show for anyone working within the health service. Normal tickets cost £14/£12.

The comedy continues with Arthur Smith on Friday, February 11. Arthur's comedy has lit up the West End and made him a Radio 4 regular. This grumpy old man's stand-up topics range from vigorous yodelling to mediaeval literature via death by drink.

His delivery is relaxed and sardonic, but his shows are a surprising, dark and witty treat. Tickets are £14.

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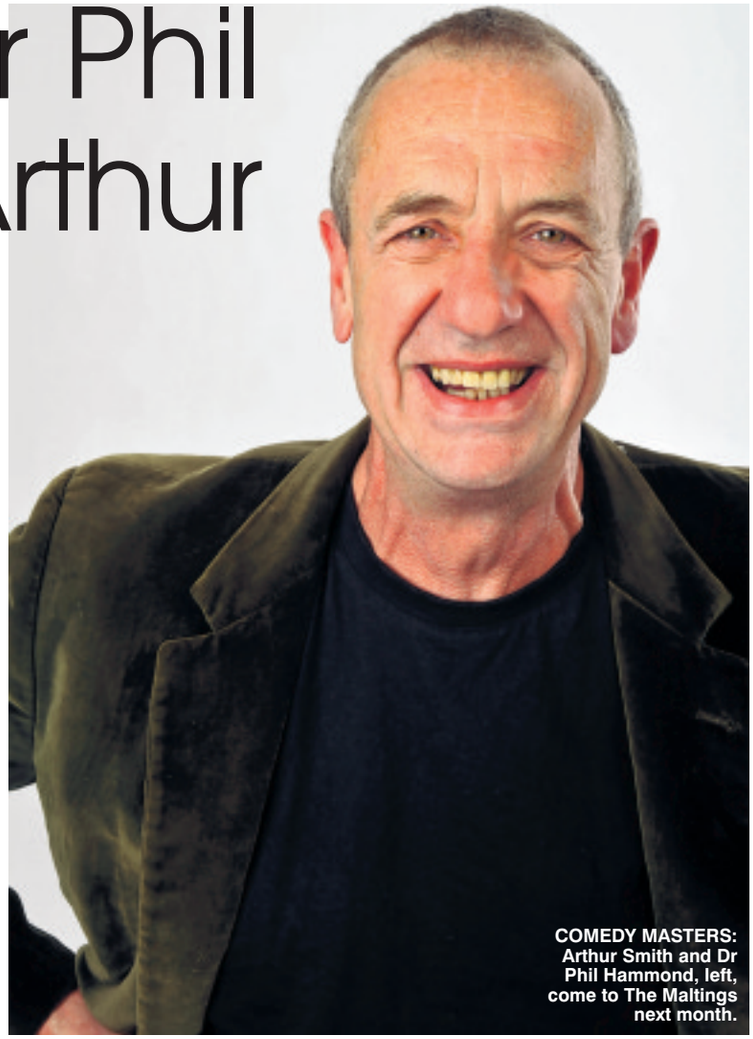

COMEDY MASTERS: Arthur Smith and Dr Phil Hammond, left, come to The Maltings next month.

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Wonderful West Side takes to the stage at cathedral

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Viva, based in Soham, has lined up a cast of more than 50 local young actors to perform the challenging and dramatic *West Side Story* in the cathedral, making them the first amateur group to perform a full-scale musical in the ancient building.

A huge stage and scaffold set has been installed under the cathedral's Octagon, complete with full sound and lighting systems, plus an orchestra drawn from the best local musicians around.

The production also boats more than 150 costumes!

Dan Schumann, director of Viva and the producer/director of the production said: "This is a very exciting and unique project, both for us and Ely Cathedral.

"It is a great example of how the cathedral and community can work together to produce a spectacular result.

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War in the streets: the young Viva cast rehearse *West Side Story*.

Horrors of war relived

A NEW play by Cambridge-based writer Tom Penn is set to pay a tribute to one of the heroes of the Second World War, while serving as a reminder of the horrors of the Holocaust.

On Holocaust Memorial Day in 2009, 99-year-old Sir Nicholas Winton visited The Guildhall in Cambridge to tell the story of how he gave up his job as a stockbroker to travel to Prague in order to rescue Jewish children from concentration camps. As a result of his efforts, in 1939 more than 600 children were brought safely to England.

One of the rescued children, a 5-year old Suzie Spitzer, came to Cambridge and was given a new home by a local family, the Chadwicks. Suzie's story, as well as Sir Nicholas's moving talk, provided the inspiration for Tom to tell this extraordinary tale of *The English Schindler*; a story of bravery, determination and hope.

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127 Hours (15): Fri-Tues 8.55
Gulliver's Travels 3D (PG): Sat-Sun 10.10am, 12.10
Meet The Parents: Little Fockers (12A): Sat-Sun 10.30am
Yamla Pagla Deewana (12A): Sun 3; Mon 6.45
Marmaduke (U): Sat 10am
The Sorcerer's Apprentice (PG): Sat 10am
Tinkerbell And The Great Fairy Rescue (U): Sat 10am

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Ramona And Beezus (U): Sat-Sun 10am
Teen Screenings – Exclusive Screenings For 13-18 Year Olds:
Tron Legacy (PG): Fri 6.30; Thu 6.30
Tangled 3D (PG): Fri 1, 3.30, 6, 8.20; Sat-Sun 10.30am, 1, 3.30, 6, 8.20; Mon-Thu 1, 3.30, 6, 8.20
Tangled 2D (PG): Fri 1.50, 4.20, 6.45; Sat-Sun 11.20am, 1.50, 4.20, 6.45; Mon-Thu 1.50, 4.20, 6.45
Hereafter (12A): Fri 12.25, 3.20, 6.10, 9, 11.50; Sat 6.10, 9, 11.50; Sun 6.10, 9; Mon 12.25, 3.20, 6.10, 9; Tues 12.25, 3.20, 9; Wed-Thu 12.25, 3.20, 6.10, 9
The Mechanic (15): Fri-Sat 9.10, 11.40; Sun-Thu 9.10
The Fighter (15): Wed-Thu 6.20, 8.55
The King's Speech (12A): Sun-Mon 5.50 (Over 18 Showing)
The King's Speech (12A): Fri-Sat 12.30, 3.10, 5.50, 8.40, 11.30; Sun-Mon 12.30, 3.10, 8.40; Mon-Thu 12.30, 3.10, 5.50, 8.40
Black Swan (15): Fri-Sat 2, 4.30, 7, 9.30, midnight; Sun-Thu 2, 4.30, 7, 9.30
The Green Hornet 2D (12A): Fri 1.10, 3.55, 9.20, 00.05; Sat 6.35, 9.20, 00.05; Sun 6.35, 9.20; Mon-Wed 1.10, 3.55, 6.35, 9.20; Thu 1.10, 3.55, 9.20
127 Hours (15): Fri 1.20, 3.50, 8.50, 11.10; Sat 11am, 1.20, 3.50, 8.50, 11.10; Sun 11am,1.20, 3.50, 8.50; Mon-Tues 1.20, 3.50, 8.50; Wed-Thu 1.20, 3.50
The Dilemma (12A): Fri 12.40, 3.15, 5.45, 8.30; Sat-Sun 10.10am, 12.40, 3.15, 5.45, 8.30; Mon-Thu 12.40, 3.15, 5.45, 8.30
Meet The Parents: Little Fockers (12A): Fri-Tues 6.20
Chronicles Of Narnia – Voyage Of The Dawn Treader 2D (PG): Sat-Sun 10.20am, 1.10, 3.55
Megamind 2D (PG): Sat-Sun 11.30am
Harry Potter And The Deathly Hallows: Part I (12A): Sat 11.40am, 2.50; Sun 11.40am
Morning Glory (12A): Fri-Sat 11
The Green Hornet 3D (12A): Fri-Sat 10.40
Subtitled Performance: Harry Potter And The Deathly Hallows: Part I (12A): Sun 2.50
Subtitled Performance: Hereafter (12A): Tues 6.10

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Donmar Warehouse's King Lear (PG): Thu 6.45
The Fighter (15): Wed-Thu 6, 8.45
Tangled 3D (PG): Fri 12.55, 3.20, 5.45, 8.20; Sat-Sun 10.30am, 12.55, 3.20, 5.45, 8.20; Mon-Thu 12.55, 3.20, 5.45, 8.20
Tangled (PG): Fri-Thu 1.45, 4.15
How Do You Know (12A): Fri-Thu 12.30, 3.15, 6, 8.45
The Mechanic (15): Fri 2.20, 4.45, 7, 9.15; Sat-Sun 7, 9.15; Mon-Thu 2.20, 4.45, 7, 9.15
Hereafter (12A): Fri 2, 5, 8.15; Sat-Sun 11am, 2, 5, 8.15; Mon-Thu 2, 5, 8.15
Barney's Version (15): Fri 12.45, 3.45, 6.35, 9.25; Sat-Sun 3.45, 6.35, 9.25; Mon-Thu 12.45, 3.45, 6.35, 9.25
The Dilemma (12A): Fri-Thu 4, 9
Black Swan (15): Fri 1, 3.25, 6, 8.45; Sat-Sun 10.40am, 1, 3.25, 6, 8.45; Mon-Tues 1, 3.25, 6, 8.45; Wed 1, 3.25, 6; Thu 1, 3.25, 6, 8.45
The Green Hornet 3D (12A): Fri-Thu 1.35, 4.20, 7, 9.35
The King's Speech (12A): Fri 12.30, 2, 4.45, 7.30, 8.30; Sat-Sun 11.30am, 2, 4.45, 7.30, 8.30; Mon-Tues 12.30, 2, 4.45 (subtitles Mon), 7.30 (subtitles Sun), 8.30; Wed-Thu 2, 4.45, 7.30
127 Hours (15): Fri 1.40, 6.15; Sat-Sun 6.15; Mon-Tues 1.40, 6.15; Wed-Thu 1.40
Gulliver's Travels 3D (PG): Sat-Sun 12noon, 2.20, 4.30
Meet The Parents: Little Fockers (12A): Fri-Wed 6.45
The Chronicles Of Narnia – The Voyage Of The Dawn Treader 3D (PG): Sat-Sun 10.45am
Harry Potter And The Deathly Hallows: Part 1 (12A): Sat-Sun 12.30
Marmaduke (U): Sat-Sun 10.05am
The Sorcerer's Apprentice (PG): Sat 10.10am
Tinkerbell And The Great Fairy Rescue (U): Sat 10am

The big film

BLACK SWAN
certificate 15 108m

NATALIE Portman stars in a career-defining performance that required 10 months of gruelling physical preparation before the cameras rolled.

All of that incredible will and discipline in the dance studio certainly pays off – not once do we doubt that Portman could perform the demanding solos from *Swan Lake* that punctuate this psychological drama.

The actress powerfully conveys the disparity between her character's physical strength and grace, and her mental frailty when insecurities and jealousy steadily gnaw away at her self-confidence.

Artistic director Thomas Leroy (Vincent Cassel) presides over a ballet company at New York's Lincoln Center, all too aware that his productions have lost their edge.

So he very publicly terminates the services of prima ballerina Beth Macintyre (Winona Ryder) and chooses Nina Sayers (Natalie Portman) as her replacement to lead an erotically-charged new staging of *Swan Lake*.

Nina is technically gifted but she struggles, which causes friction with Thomas, who needs Nina to embrace her dark side if she is ever to play the Black Swan.

Soon after, sensual ballerina Lily (Mila Kunis) is cast as understudy to the lead and Nina feels threatened.

Harangued by her mother (Barbara Hershey), Nina wrestles with fear and paranoia, teetering on the brink of a breakdown.

Portman's fearless lead is complemented by a monstrous supporting turn from Hershey and a deliciously ambiguous performance from Kunis.

Sequences from *Swan Lake* are dazzlingly choreographed to Clint Mansell's soundtrack and, while the heroine of the ballet struggles to take flight, Aronofsky's film and his leading lady soar.

Warm up to a head start

by Hannah Stephenson

IF you don't have a heated greenhouse and want to start your seeds early to give you a head start on spring, it's time to invest in a heated propagator.

Not only can you sow slow-growing tender perennials such as geraniums now, so they start flowering in time for summer, but you can also sow seeds of houseplants, tuberous begonias and exotics such as birds of paradise (Strelitzia reginae), and even perennials which you want to flower this year.

First-year flowering perennials which can be sown early in heated propagators and then grown in a greenhouse or cool room include achillea, helenium, echinacea, salvia and coreopsis. They can be hardened off in a sheltered spot in early May and planted in their final position a couple of weeks later.

Garden centres, mail order and online retailers offer a wealth of heated propagators of different sizes. Prices can vary enormously so it's worthwhile doing some research into exactly what conditions the seeds you want to sow need.

"Check whether the heated propagator has a thermostatic control, which will control the temperature more constantly and click off if the room temperature becomes too warm," says Richard Gianfrancesco, head of research at *Which? Gardening*, the Consumers' Association magazine.

"This is important because windowsill temperatures tend to be unstable, in that they might have sun for part of the day and be cooler at other times."

Cheaper propagators tend to have one or two settings, such as cool and warm, irrespective of indoor temperatures, which means that the propagators have to be monitored more carefully to ensure temperatures inside them don't become too high.

Think carefully about the seeds you are going to sow in a heated propagator, Gianfrancesco advises.

If you want to grow tomatoes, cucumbers and courgettes which you are expecting to grow on in the greenhouse in summer, you can sow them early in heated propagators. If, however, you want to plant tender veg outside, think about timing.

Courgettes, melons and sunflowers, for example, are traditionally sown late and can't be planted out in the garden until the end of May or beginning of June, so they won't benefit from being germinated in a heated propagator early because you'll still have to keep them indoors.

However, seeds which take a long time to germinate, such as chillies and sweet peppers, are ideal to start off in a heated propagator.

But be aware that tender plants will need to be kept indoors for weeks after being potted on, so you'll need enough space to keep them in your house or in a frost-free greenhouse or conservatory until the weather is warmer. A recent heated propagator test by *Which? Gardening* found its best buy to be a Stewart Heat & Grow Thermostatic Propagator (£30, stockists 020 8603 5700, *www.stewartcompany.co.uk*), which switched off the heating element at higher room temperatures to stop the compost becoming too hot.

The Garland Triple Top Electric Windowsill Propagator, at £26 (01384 278 256, *www.garlandproducts.com*), also scored highly, thanks to its ease of use. Three separate units sit neatly in the heated base and offer great versatility. For example, one fully closed for germination, another had the vents open for hardening off seedlings and one had its lid off for growing on. At just 18cm wide, it's also ideal for a narrow windowsill.

As well as heated propagators, you can also buy warming mats which are placed underneath regular propagators and are suited to a narrow windowsill.

The trial concluded: "If your windowsill is likely to get warmer than 20C during the daytime, a propagator with a thermostat, such as the Stewart, is a good investment.

"Bear in mind that the temperature inside the propagator is about 10 degrees higher than the room temperature.

"It would, therefore, be best suited to a cool room that doesn't go above 10-15C during the day."

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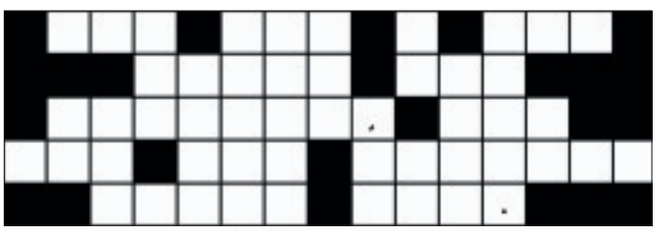
UNDERCOVER OPERATION: Seeds which take longer to germinate, such as sweet peppers and chillies, are ideal to start off in a heated propagator

Lost Letters 49

In each of these puzzles a famous or popular quotation fills the grid. The individual letters remain in their correct column, but have fallen out and are out of order.
Reinsert them in the correct order to find the answer. Any punctuation is given in its own square.
This quotation is from Ralph Waldo Emerson.

■ Last week's solution: **A fanatic is one who can't change his mind and won't change the subject.**



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Sudoku 136:
Place a number from 1 to 9 in each empty cell so that each 3x3 block, column, and full row includes each of the numbers from 1 to 9 only once.

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3	1	6	9	4	2	7	5	8
9	5	2	8	7	3	1	6	4
8	4	7	1	6	5	9	2	3
6	9	8	7	3	4	2	1	5
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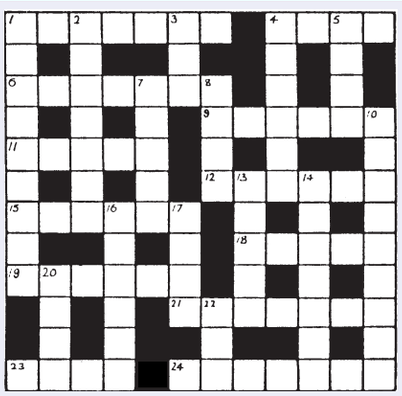
■ Last week's solution.

Crossword 2201



Across

1. Cocktail attached to motorbike? (7)
4. Chap at bay. (4)
6. Journalist's claim to have influence. (7)
9. Little village of Shakespeare hero. (6)
11. Might for church. (5)
12. Excitement from the endless stream. (6)
15. At home team's not outdoors. (6)
18. Shifts into terrible verse. (5)
19. Deceives team leader with sprains. (6)
21. Storm ripped through a party. (7)
23. Viewer's sore at sound of farm building. (4)
24. Wash the grass, say, before it's parched. (7)

Down

1. Would a miser uncover the stone? (9)
2. Goes off from French pieces. (7)
3. Neddy's a fool. (3)
4. Camel right to get upset. Be less excitable. (6)
5. Farewell once to the dell. (4)
7. Correct to turn me at finish. (5)
8. Single warm dram. (4)
10. It's hard to believe this towering saga. (4,5)
13. Hang in the air – it can be hot above. (5)
14. Anger having to settle in the country. (7)
16. Considering the possibility it's already packed. (2,4)
17. "Each way" indicating one quarter? (4)
20. S. American port
22. No-one against a lot of eggs? (3)

Solution 2200 – Across: 1. Mask; 7. Gauche; 8. Mayo; 10. Vat; 11. Picture;12. Nor; 13. Misused; 17. Added; 19. Rap; 21. Tropics; 22. Nee; 23. Halo; 25. Eleven; 26. Peep. **Down:** 1. Mimic; 2. Spy; 3. Rancid; 4. Scoured; 5. Revenge; 6. Retort; 9. Opts; 14. Umpteen; 15. Enjoyed; 16. Cranes; 17. Abides; 18. Dish; 20. Stoop; 24. Ale.

FOUR Ws

1. WHO...was born Charles Hardin Holley in 1936? WHAT...nationality is the actor Mads Mikkelsen? WHERE...in Africa are Safi and Kenitra? WHEN...was the actor Philip Seymour Hoffman born?

2. WHO...were the original residents of the Hollywood mansion Pickfair? WHAT...fish is the subject of the book *A Fish Caught In Time*, by Samantha Weinberg? WHERE...was the singer George Michael born? WHEN...was Catherine Zeta-Jones born?

3. WHO...is the lead singer with the group Green Day? WHAT...is the country in Africa that is almost an enclave of Senegal? WHERE...in Europe is Baku the capital city? WHEN...did the actress Lana Turner die?

Answers: 1. Buddy Holly; Danish; Morocco; 1967. **2.** Douglas Fairbanks and Mary Pickford; Coelacanth; London; 1969. **3.** Billie Joe Armstrong; The Gambia; Azerbaijan; 1995.

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THE GUIDE | WEEKEND TV

SATURDAY

BBC1

6.00 **Breakfast.**
10.00 **Saturday Kitchen Live.**
11.30 **Baking Made Easy.**
12.00 **BBC News**
12.15 **Football Focus.** Including a look ahead to the FA Cup fourth-round ties.
1.00 **Australian Open Tennis.** The women's singles final.
2.00 **Live Athletics.** The Aviva International Match. The indoor meeting from Kelvin Hall, Glasgow, featuring Great Britain against teams from the USA, Germany, Sweden and a Commonwealth select.
4.30 **Final Score.**
5.15 **BBC News.**
5.40 **Hole in the Wall.**
6.10 **All New Total Wipeout.**
7.10 **The Magicians.** Last in the series.
8.10 **The National Lottery: In It to Win It.**
9.00 **Casualty.** Kirsty prepares to leave Warren.
9.50 **Come Fly with Me.** Husband-and-wife pilot team Simon and Jackie face a tense flight when Simon's one-night stand is rostered onto their flight to Barcelona.
10.20 **BBC News**
10.40 **Live at the Apollo.** With Adam Hills and Gina Yashere; National Lottery Update.
11.25 **FILM: The Girl Next Door (2004)** Romantic comedy, with Emile Hirsch and Elisha Cuthbert; (C) Weatherview.

BBC2

6.00 **CBeebies: Harry and Toto. 6.10 Everything's Rosie. 6.20 Dirtgirlworld. 6.35 Jakers! 7.00 CBBC: Basil and Barney's Game Show. 7.30 Arthur. 8.00 Richard Hammond's Blast Lab. 8.30 Project Parent. 9.00 Dick & Dom's Funny Business. 10.00 Trapped Ever After. 10.25 OOglies.10.45 The Slammer. 11.15 My Life.**
11.45 **MOTD Kickabout.**
12.00 **FILM: Never Cry Wolf (1983).** Fact-based drama, starring Charles Martin Smith.
1.40 **Coast.**
1.50 **Diagnosis Murder.**
2.35 **Flog It!**
3.35 **Escape to the Country.**
4.35 **FILM: Rabbit-Proof Fence (2002).** Fact-based Australian drama, starring Everlyn Sampi.
6.00 **Are You Being Served?**
6.30 **The Story of Are You Being Served?** Examining the appeal of the TV sitcom.
7.30 **Dad's Army.**
8.00 **From Haiti's Ashes.** Irish billionaire Denis O'Brien's efforts to reconstruct Port-au-Prince's Iron Market in the 12 months following the earthquake that hit Haiti in January 2010.
9.00 **QI XL.** Stephen Fry is joined by Bill Bailey, Eddie Izzard and Danny Baker.
9.45 **The Tudors.**
10.40 **Nurse Jackie.**
11.10 **Fast and Loose** Improvised comedy show.

ITV

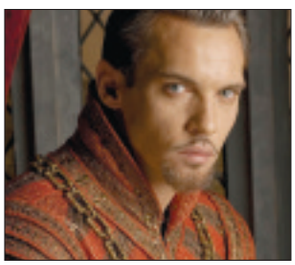
6.00 **CITV: Mini CITV.**
7.25 **CITV.**
9.25 **Coronation Street.** Omnibus.
11.45 **This Morning: Saturday.** Highlights from the week's programmes.
12.45 **Rosemary & Thyme.** A wine critic is murdered at a vineyard.
1.45 **ITV News and Weather.**
1.50 **FILM: Hulk (2003).** Comic-strip adventure.
4.20 **Anglia News and Weather.**
4.30 **ITV News and Weather.**
4.45 **Live FA Cup Football.** Southampton v Manchester United (Kick-off 5.15pm). All the action from the fourth-round encounter at St Mary's, where the League One hosts take on the 11-time cup winners.
7.20 **Primeval.**
8.20 **Take Me Out.** Paddy McGuinness presents.
9.35 **Benidorm.** The Oracle gets the runaround from a blind date, and Brandy seduces Mateo while Martin is not paying attention. Mel sets his heart on buying local tourist spot Peacock Island but must first find the mysterious owner.
10.30 **ITV News and Weather.**
10.45 **FA Cup Highlights.** Action from the fourth round, including Southampton v Manchester United at St Mary's, Everton v Chelsea at Goodison Park and Torquay United v Crawley Town at Plainmoor.
12.15 **The Cube: Celebrity Special.**

CHANNEL 4

6.05 **Sali Mali.**
6.10 **The Hoobs.**
6.35 **The Hoobs.**
7.00 **The Track and Field Show.**
7.25 **GT Academy.**
7.55 **The Morning Line.**
8.55 **T4: Friends.**
9.25 **T4: Shooting Tinie Tempah.**
9.55 **T4: Friends.**
10.25 **T4: Glee.**
11.25 **T4: Friends.**
11.55 **T4: Lady Gaga: Real Stories.**
12.55 **T4: The Big Bang Theory.**
1.25 **T4: The Big Bang Theory.**
1.55 **Channel 4 Racing.** Live coverage from Cheltenham and Doncaster.
3.55 **Come Dine with Me.** Also **4.25, 4.55, 5.30, 6.00**
6.30 **Channel 4 News.**
6.55 **4thought.tv.**
7.00 **FILM: Fantastic Four (2005).** Five astronauts develop superhuman powers during an energy storm in space, but one puts his abilities to evil use. Sci-fi comic-book adventure, with Ioan Gruffudd and Jessica Alba.
9.00 **The Million Pound Drop Live.**
10.20 **FILM: Along Came a Spider (2001).** A police psychologist goes in search of a senator's daughter who has been kidnapped by a psychotic teacher. Thriller prequel, with Morgan Freeman, Monica Potter and Michael Wincott.
12.20 **FILM: From Dusk Till Dawn (1996).** Horror, starring George Clooney.

CHANNEL 5

6.00 **Milkshake!: Peppa Pig. 6.05 Roary the Racing Car. 6.15 Fifi and the Flowertots. 6.25 Fireman Sam. 6.35 Miss Spider's Sunny Patch Friends. 6.50 The Beeps. 7.00 Mio Mao. 7.05 Chiro. 7.15 Harry and His Bucket Full of Dinosaurs. 7.30 Make Way for Noddy. 7.45 Igam Ogam. 8.00 Little Princess. 8.15 The Adventures of Bottle Top Bill and His Best Friend Corky. 8.30 Play! 8.45 Rupert Bear. 9.00 Olivia. 9.15 The Mr Men Show. 9.30 The Milkshake! Show. 10.00 Meals in Moments. 10.10 Animal Rescue Squad. 10.30 How Do They Do It? 11.00 Time Bomb Tunnel: Megastructures. 12.00 Ice Road Truckers.**
1.00 **FILM: Before Winter Comes (1969).** Second World War drama, starring David Niven.
3.00 **FILM: Corrina, Corrina (1994).** Family drama set in the 1950s, starring Whoopi Goldberg.
5.20 **Five News.**
5.25 **FILM: Legally Blonde 2: Red, White and Blonde (2003).** Comedy sequel, starring Reese Witherspoon.
7.05 **NCIS.**
7.55 **NCIS.**
8.50 **CSI: Miami.** The body of a university student is found in a burnt-out car.
9.50 **CSI: NY.**
10.50 **CSI: Crime Scene Investigation.**
11.50 **Cops in Crisis.**



The Tudors
BBC2, Saturday, 9.45pm

That Sunday Night Show
ITV, Sunday, 10.05pm

Glee
Channel Four, Saturday, 10.25am

CSI: NY
five, Saturday, 9.50pm

SUNDAY

BBC1

6.00 **Breakfast.**
9.00 **The Andrew Marr Show.**
10.00 **The Big Questions.**
11.00 **Country Tracks;** (C) Weather for the Week Ahead.
12.00 **The Politics Show.**
1.00 **Bargain Hunt.**
1.30 **Escape to the Country.**
2.30 **EastEnders.** Omnibus.
4.25 **My Family.** Ben forgets about Valentine's Day.
4.55 **Songs of Praise.**
5.30 **BBC News**
6.00 **Antiques Roadshow.** Fiona Bruce visits Lincoln Cathedral.
7.00 **Countryfile.** Matt Baker discovers why Sheffield is one of Europe's most environmentally friendly cities, before helping a team working to restore the grounds of Wentworth Castle, near Barnsley.
8.00 **Lark Rise to Candleford.** Queenie wins a pig when the fair comes to town – but Twister becomes jealous of how well she treats the beast, and decides to sell it off behind her back.
9.00 **Terry Wogan's Ireland.** Conclusion.
10.00 **BBC News.**
10.25 **Gavin & Stacey.**
10.55 **Gavin & Stacey.** Smithy has a final chat with Nessa. Last in the series.
11.25 **FILM: Houseguest (1995).** Comedy, starring Sinbad and Phil Hartman.

BBC2

6.00 **CBeebies: Harry and Toto. 6.10 Everything's Rosie. 6.20 Dirtgirlworld. 6.35 Jakers! 7.00 CBBC: Basil and Barney's Game Show. 7.30 Arthur. 8.00 ChuckleVision.**
8.15 **Live Australian Open Tennis.** The men's singles final.
12.05 **Flog It!**
12.35 **Diagnosis Murder.**
1.20 **FILM: Becket (1964).** Historical drama, starring Richard Burton and Peter O'Toole.
3.45 **Figure Skating.** The European Championships.
5.15 **Ski Sunday.** Including men's World Cup action from Schladming, Austria.
6.00 **Ray Mears' Northern Wilderness.** The survival expert continues to explore the Canadian wilderness.
7.00 **The Funny Side of TV Talent.**
8.00 **Top Gear.**
9.00 **Arctic with Bruce Parry.** The explorer travels to the far north of Canada, where he joins members of the Gwich'in tribe as they prepare to head out on their annual spring caribou hunt
10.00 **The Paedophile Hunters.** Documentary following agents from the US Immigration and Customs Enforcement law agency as they track down, arrest and extradite Americans who allegedly abuse children when abroad.
11.00 **Never Mind the Buzzcocks.** David O'Doherty presents highlights of series 24.

ITV

6.00 **CITV: Mini CITV.** Pre-school fun.
7.25 **CITV.** Animated fun.
9.25 **The Crocodile Hunter Diaries.**
9.55 **FA Cup Highlights.** Action from the fourth round.
11.25 **ITV News and Weather.**
11.30 **This Morning: Sunday.**
12.30 **Dinner Date.**
1.30 **Live FA Cup Football.** Notts County v Manchester City (Kick-off 2.00pm).
4.25 **Midsomer Murders.** Travellers antagonise a magistrate in the sleepy village of Martyr Warren – and his subsequent death by shooting brings matters to a head in dramatic fashion. John Nettles stars.
6.00 **Anglia News and Weather.**
6.15 **ITV News and Weather.**
6.30 **Dancing on Ice.** The results can be seen at 9.30pm.
8.30 **Wild at Heart.** Danny oversees an animal translocation for his first big project as state vet, but Alice struggles to run the clinic in his absence and has a close encounter with lions.
9.30 **Dancing on Ice: The Skate Off.** A surprise twist is expected as the two couples who have gained the least support from viewers skate again in a bid to survive another week on the ice.
10.05 **That Sunday Night Show.**
10.35 **ITV News and Weather.**
10.50 **FA Cup Highlights.** Action from the fourth round.

CHANNEL 4

6.10 **The Hoobs. 6.35 The Hoobs. 7.00 FIS World Championships. 7.30 That Paralympic Show.**
7.55 **T4: Battlefront. 8.10 Friends. 8.40 Friends. 9.15 Hollyoaks. 11.45 Glee. 12.50 The Simpsons. 1.25 The Simpsons.**
1.55 **Jamie's 30 Minute Meals.** Jamie prepares spring lamb.
2.25 **Jamie's 30 Minute Meals.** Mustard chicken with quick dauphinoise potatoes.
2.55 **Jamie's 30 Minute Meals.** Trapani-style rigatoni.
3.30 **Jamie's 30 Minute Meals.** Pan-fried scallops with sweet chilli rice.
4.00 **Jamie's 30 Minute Meals.** The chef prepares a pizza.
4.30 **Deal or No Deal.**
5.35 **FILM: Big Momma's House 2 (2006).**
7.30 **Channel 4 News.**
7.55 **4thought.tv.**
8.00 **Come Dine with Me.** A roofer, a plastic surgery enthusiast, a saleswoman and a drag queen compete to throw the best dinner party in Lincolnshire.
9.00 **FILM: PS I Love You (2007).** Premiere. Widowed Holly feels she cannot cope following the death of her husband. However, on her birthday, she receives a letter he sent to her before he died, encouraging her to live life to the full. Romantic drama, starring Hilary Swank, Gerard Butler and Lisa Kudrow.
11.30 **Alan Carr: Chatty Man.**
12.35 **Penelope Princess of Pets.**

CHANNEL 5

6.00 **Milkshake!: Peppa Pig. 6.05 Roary the Racing Car. 6.15 Fifi and the Flowertots. 6.25 Fireman Sam. 6.35 Miss Spider's Sunny Patch Friends. 6.50 The Beeps. 7.00 Mio Mao. 7.05 Chiro. 7.15 Harry and His Bucket Full of Dinosaurs. 7.30 Make Way for Noddy. 7.45 Igam Ogam. 8.00 Little Princess. 8.10 The Adventures of Bottle Top Bill and His Best Friend Corky. 8.30 Family! 8.45 Rupert Bear. 9.00 Olivia. 9.15 The Mr Men Show. 9.30 The Milkshake! Show. 10.00 Animal Rescue Squad. 10.15 Emergency Bikers. 11.15 Cowboy Builders.**
12.15 **Red Sea Jaws.** A look back at the 2010 shark attacks in Sharm el-Sheik, Egypt.
1.20 **FILM: The Fifth Element (1997).** Sci-fi adventure.
3.40 **FILM: RV: Runaway Vacation (2006).** Family comedy.
5.40 **Five News.**
5.45 **FILM: Jackie Chan's Who Am I? (1998).** Martial arts action comedy.
8.00 **Britain's Secret Schindler: Revealed.** Documentary telling the story of Nicholas Winton, an unlikely hero who rescued hundreds of Jewish children from German-occupied Czechoslovakia in the run-up to the Second World War.
9.00 **FILM: The Patriot (2000).**
12.10 **UFC 40: Main Event.**
1.10 **SuperCasino.**

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O/A £279,950

A deceptively spacious well presented modern 3 bedroom detached Chalet style property situated in this small select cul de sac in the village centre. Cloakroom, Kitchen/Breakfast Room, Utility Room, Conservatory, Lounge, Dining Room, G/F Master Bedroom with Ensuite,, Bathroom, Gas Central Heating, Double Garage and Driveway Parking, Gardens.

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O/A £295,000

LITTLEPORT O/A £115,000

An established spacious three bedroom semi detached house in need of some updating with a good size rear garden, situated in a cul de sac location.

SOHAM O/A £149,950

A well appointed three/four bedroom end of terrace property in a cul de sac situation adjacent to the picturesque Qua Fen Common.

NO UPWARD CHAIN

SUTTON O/A £339,000

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An exceptionally spacious five bedroom individual detached residence with an integral double garage and an attractive rear garden situated in a small pleasant cul de sac location.

WITCHFORD O/A £375,000

An outstanding modern individually designed substantial detached residence with four double bedrooms and two en-suites, tucked away on a good size plot in this highly regarded village location.

SUTTON O/A £279,950

An immaculate and tastefully presented four bedroom non eatate spacious detached house with a superb conservatory and a large garage situated on a large mature plot in a pleasant lane in this popular village.

LITTLEPORT O/A £135,000

A modern three bedroom semi detached house in need of some cosmetic improvement. Hall, Cloakroom, Kitchen, Living Room, Bathroom, Gardens, Garage. NO UPWARD CHAIN.

HADDENHAM

An extended 3 bedroom semi-detached house providing spacious accommodation standing on a larger that normal plot with views over surrounding counrtyside to the the rear. Ent. Hall, G/Floor Shower Room, Living Room, Kitchen/Breakfast Room, Conservatory, Bathroom, Driveway Parking, Large Rear Garden.

O/A £175,000

SUTTON

A spacioius non estate indivdual detached bungalow standing on a good size plot in a popular residential location. Entrance Hall, Kitchen/Breakfast Room, Walk-In Store/Pantry, Conservatory, Lounge/Dining Area, Three Bedrooms, Ensuite Shower Room, Bathroom, Oil Fired Central Heating, Double Glazing, Gardens, Garage.

O/A £240,000

ELY O/A £225,000

An attractive bay fronted 1950's built three bedroom semi detached house in need of some updating which lies in a superb position backing onto meadowland, just a few minutes walk from the railway station and riverside. NO UPWARD CHAIN

LITTLE DOWNHAM

CHAMBERS WAY is a small cul de sac development of new homes being built by BUCKINGHAM & SPARROW LTD., Consisting of 2 bedroom terrace and semi detached houses, 3 bedroom semi detached houses and one 4 bedroom detached house.

From £155,000

MEPAL O/A £210,000

A spacious modern detached bungalow overlooking a large open green in this sought after development. Hall, Living Room, Kitchen/Breakfast Room, 3 Bedrooms, En-Suite, Bathroom, Garage, Gardens.

LITTLEPORT O/A £250,000

An individual 1930's built detached 3/4 bedroom detached residence with outbuildings in this well served village location.

ELY O/A £350,000

A most attractive spacious modern detached four double bedroom residence with integral double garage and an attractive rear garden, situated at the end of a small select cul de sac just under a mile from the city centre.

SUTTON

A well presented double fronted modern semi detached house pleasantly situated in a small spur on this popular residential development. Entrance Hall, Dual Aspect Lounge, Dining Room, Fitted Kitchen, Cloakroom, Three Bedrooms, Ensuite Shower Room, Bathroom, uPVC Sash Windows, GFCH., Gardens, Garage and Parking Space.

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£1,150 pcm

Available Beg February - Unfurnished

SUTTON

A two bedroom character cottage located in the heart of the village with far reaching views to the rear. Living Room with open fireplace, Inner Lobby, Kitchen with Appliances, Ground Floor Bathroom, Two Double Bedrooms, Gas Central Heating, Secluded Rear Garden with Patio, Off Street, Parking.

£600 pcm

Available Immediately - Part Furnished

STRETHAM

A detached four bedroom residence in an exclusive cul de sac development of just two properties, situated in an elevated position within this sought after village. Ent. and Inner Hall, Cloakroom, Living Room, Dining Room, Kitchen/Breakfast Room, Utility Room, En-Suite Shower Room, Family Bathroom, Oil Fired C.H., Double Garage & Gardens.

£1,100 pcm

Available Mid February - Unfurnished

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A well maintained four bedroom older style end of terrace house located within a few minutes walk of Ely Railway Station and the City Centre and views of the Cathedral to the rear. Ent. Hall, Front Reception Room, Fitted Kitchen, 3 F/F Bedrooms, Bathroom, 2nd Floor Bedroom 4/Study, Gas C.H., Rear Garden.

£795 pcm

Available Immediately - Unfurnished

HADDENHAM

A two bedroom detached bungalow with integral garage and off street parking.

Spacious Entrance Hall, Two Double Bedrooms, Living Room, Kitchen, Bathroom, Separate W.C., Electric Heating, Garage, Rear Garden.

£625 pcm

Available 1st February - Unfurnished

MEPAL

A well proportioned double fronted modern detached bungalow, situated in a cul de sac within this highly regarded village location. Ent. Hall, Living Room, Kitchen/Breakfast Room, Three Bedrooms, En-Suite Shower Room, Family Bathroom, Conservatory, Driveway Parking, Gardens.

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£600 pcm

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SOHAM

A three bedroom mid terrace mews style house situated at the end of a cul de sac.

Entrance Hall, Cloakroom, Living Room, Fitted Kitchen, Conservatory, Landing, Bathroom, Gas Central Heating, Enclosed Rear Garden, Car Port.

£650 pcm

Available Middle of March - Unfurnished

SUTTON

A modern particularly well appointed double fronted semi detached house in an appealing cul de sac situation in this sought after well served village location. Ent. Hall, Dual Sapect Sitting Room, Dining Room, Kitchen, Cloakroom, 3 Bedrooms, En-Suite, Bathroom, Garage and Gardens.

£675 pcm

Availaable 18th February - Unfurnished

WEEKLY NEWS HomesNow

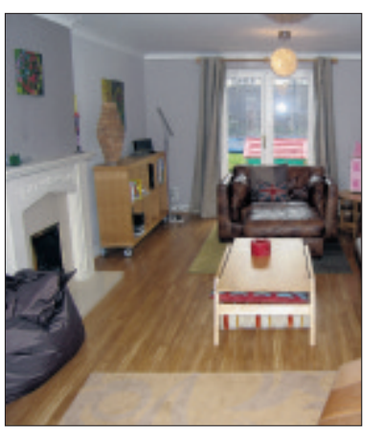
Cute cottage for a couple

at a glance

- On the market for £134,950
- Semi-detached cottage
- Two bedrooms
- Garden and summerhouse

cover property

THIS semi-detached cottage stands in Clay Street, Soham, offering attractive accommodation which would be ideal for a couple or first-time buyer.
On the ground floor, there is a lobby, delightful living room, modern kitchen/dining room and utility room, while upstairs there are two bedrooms, a bathroom and en suite to bedroom one.
There is an enclosed garden to the rear, plus a summerhouse.
This property is on the market for £134,950 through Peter Michael Estate Agents. Contact them on (01353) 725400.



Well-appointed townhouse

OFFERS around £329,950 are invited for this well-presented townhouse in Collier Close, a highly regarded cul-de-sac within walking distance from the centre of Ely.
Built by David Wilson Homes, it offers excellent interiors including an entrance hall, cloakroom, large living room, dining room, kitchen/breakfast room, five bedrooms to the first and second floors, plus a bathroom, shower room and further en suite and dressing room to the master bedroom.
A lawned garden can be found to the rear, and there is also a secure carport and garage.
For more on this attractive family home, contact TuckerGardner on (01353) 616130.

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Nearly New £184,950

Well presented and modern family home situated in a village location

MEPAL...This semi detached house is modern and benefits from generous room sizes, Accommodation offers lounge, Dining room, kitchen, Outside offers good sized garden to the rear & garage to the side of the property with off road parking for two cars.
Viewing is advised to fully appreciate the accommodation on offer!

- Detached House
- Dining Room
- Three Bedrooms
- Kitchen
- Lounge
- Enclosed Rear Garden

VIEWING A MUST! Ref: 6886

Spacious Home £164,950

HADDENHAM..This family home has been extended by the current owners to increase the living space and the size of the bedrooms, on the ground floor is a lounge/diner, kitchen/breakfast room & dining room/study.

VIEWING A MUST Ref: 6885

Good Size £125,000

SOHAM...Delightful middle terrace bungalow situated in the village of Soham suiting young or old or a family, offering a lounge, kitchen/diner, two bedrooms, bathroom, enclosed rear garden and garage.. View Today!

DONT MISS THIS Ref: 6872

Guide £112,500 - £120,000

MEPAL...This middle terrace home is situated in a cul-de-sac within Mepal, just a short drive from Ely, offering a lounge/diner, kitchen, conservatory, three bedrooms, bathroom, enclosed rear garden and garage with parking.

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£200,000 - 209995

LITTLEPORT.. This Good Sized Detached House is situated on a generous plot on Ely Road.

DONT MISS THIS Ref: 6711

Rural Location£117,000

LITTLEPORT..This detached house is located in Black Horse Drove, Littleport.

BOOK A VIEWING Ref: 6576

Can You Help

Mr & Mrs S looking for a 4 bedroom detached property, 3 rec rooms up to £250,000. SSTC

Mr L looking for a renovation, 3 bedroom detached up to £200,00 or land. NTS

Miss P is looking for a property in Soham, new build 2 or 3 bedroom semi det with parking, good condition, first time buyer up to £150,00

£85,000 - £100,000

SOHAM...Excellent opportunity a period semi detached cottage in need of modernisation,

GET DIALLING Ref: 6832

New Build £159,950

Delightful new home situated in a semi rural location on the outskirts of Littleport. offers a modern and sleek finish throughout. VIEWING IS ADVISED!

VIEWING A MUST Ref: 6603

Huge Garden £115,000

SOUTHERY.The accommodation offers a lounge, kitchen, conservatory, shower room, three double bedrooms, driveway parking for 3 cars and a 126ft rear garden.

VIEWING A MUST! Ref: 6875

Excellent Family Home £120,000 - £129,995

SUTTON...This spacious middle terrace home offering a lounge, dining area, kitchen, three bedrooms, bathroom and enclosed gardens to front and rear.

DONT MISS THIS! Ref: 6840

£153,000 - £167,000

STUNTNEY. This 3 Bedroom semi-detached property offers spacious accommodation.

VIEW TODAY Ref: 6792

£112,500 -£125,000

SOHAM...A middle terrace family home that offers a wealth of space and is well presented throughout. Offering a lounge, kitchen, cloakroom, 3 bedrooms, bathroom and enclosed rear garden.

Get Dialling Ref: 6619

Spacious Family Home £325,000

ELY.A spacious detached family home situated in the City of Ely close to all amenities, lounge, dining room, kitchen, utility, study, five double bedrooms two with en-suites, enclosed rear garden, private driveway.

DONT MISS THIS Ref: 6856

Public Notice

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We are acting the sale of the above property and have received an offer of £107,000. Any interested party must submit any higher offer the selling agent before an exchange of contracts takes place.

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£165,000 - £170,000

The accommodation is a detached bungalow located on a corner plot with extensive fron & side gardents, off road parking & single double garage.

VIEWING A MUST Ref: 6861

£112,500 - £125,000

SOHAM...Great first time buy or investment situated in the town of Soham & recently improved.

VIEW TODAY Ref: 6826

Has Potential £120,000

ELY.End terrace house situated in the City of Ely, the accommodation is spacious offering a lounge/diner,

VIEW TODAY! Ref: 6778

Guide Price £118,000

The property comprises open plan living room/kitchen, bathroom, two double bedrooms.

VIEW TODAY! Ref: 6688

£90,000 - £110,000

LITTLEPORT....This three bedroom semi detached family home benefits from Kitchen/Diner.

VIEW TODAY Ref: 6725

£118,500 - £129,950

WICKEN...Situated in a the sought after village of Wicken this semi detached property.

VIEW TODAY Ref: 6835

£100,000 - £115,000

HADDENHAM....Essential Viewing-Modern 2 Bedroom terraced house

GET DIALLING Ref: 6716

Individual New Build £295,000

A unique one off new build designed by the current owners and sold with no upward chain, exceptionally well presented and ideal for a large family or persons with disabilities. Viewing is a must to fully appreciate the standard of accommodation on offer

VIEWING A MUST Ref: 6859

Guide Price £235,000 £250,000

HADDENHAM...This detached property is situated in the village of Soham, the property has been extended and improved by the current owners, there is a new kitchen, new bathroom and shower room alongside an extended lounge/diner.

DONT MISS THIS!! Ref: 6174

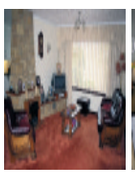
Corner Plot £239,950

A delightful family home situated in the village of Littleport which offers, shops, schools and railway station.

LITTLEPORT..This detached bungalow is situated in the town of Littleport and is unique in design with exceptionally large rooms, four double bedrooms, lounge/diner & open plan kitchen, enclosed corner plot garden surrounding the property, double garage and ample off road parking.

- Detached Bungalow
- Lounge/Diner
- Four Double Berooms
- Open Plan Kitchen
- Exceptionally Large Rooms

GET DIALLING Ref: 6876



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WELNEY £900,000

Sand and City Properties are proud to present to the market a stunning 7 bedroom home in a picturesque rural location with far reaching views across fields.

ELY £260,000

A well presented and modern 5 bed, 3 storey property situated in a popular development. The property includes a garage, car port, downstairs WC, en-suite to master, and rear garden.

LITTLEPORT £155,000

A well presented two bedroom bungalow in a quiet cul de sac location close to the village centre. Comprises; entrance hall, kitchen, two bedrooms, lounge, bathroom and rear garden.

SOHAM £135,000

Well presented semi-detached family house briefly comprising entrance lobby, lounge, kitchen/dining room, three bedrooms and family bathroom.

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LT THETFORD £249,950

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- Modern family home
- Popular village location
- Fitted kitchen
- Utility/breakfast room
- Lounge and dining room
- En-suite to bed 1
- Garage and parking
- Enclosed rear garden

LITTLEPORT £190,000

NEW

- Established detached house
- Cul de sac location
- Kitchen'diner
- 4 bedrooms
- Lounge and study
- Cloakroom
- Gas heating
- No onward chain

LT DOWNHAM £141,950

- Smartly presented end terraced home
- Small developmment
- 2 double bedrooms
- Lounge/diner
- Fitted kitchen
- Fully tiled bathroom
- Low maintenance rear garden
- 2 allocated parking

ISLEHAM £339,950

- Spacious modern family home
- Spacious kitchen breakfast room
- Lounge, dining room
- 3 first floor bedrooms and ensuite
- 2 further bedrooms and shower room on 2nd floor

SUTTON £182,500

- Extended semi
- 3 bedrooms
- Kitchen/breakfast room
- 2 reception rooms
- Oil fired heating
- Enclosed unoverlooked rear garden
- Potential for further extending ((subject to planning)

SOHAM £139,995

- Detached bungalow
- Quiet non estate location
- 2 bedrooms
- Kitchen/diner
- Recently redecorated and recarpeted
- Ample parking
- Gas heating
- Ready to move into

ELY £199,995

- Established detached bungalow
- 2 bedrooms
- Wetroom and family bathroom
- Garage converted to study/office
- Gas heating
- Mature garden
- Ample parking

WITCHAM £440,000

- Detached period property
- Former public house
- 3 reception rooms
- 5 bedrooms
- Fitted kitchen
- 2 woodburning stoves
- Southerly facing gardens
- Timber outbuildings

SOHAM £179,995

- Detached family home
- Smartly presented
- 3 bedrooms
- Refitted kitchen
- Refitted bathroom
- Lounge dining room
- Gardens to front and rear
- Garage

LT DOWNHAM £225,000

- Detached character cottage
- Rural location
- Open views all round
- First floor bedroom
- Fitted kitchen
- Dining room/3rd bedroom
- Garage and summerhouse
- Long side garden

SUTTON £129,950

NEW

- Ideal young family home
- 3 bedrooms
- Lounge and dining room
- Fitted kitchen
- Garage to the rear
- Enclosed Garden
- UPVc double glazed
- Early possession available

ELY £169,950

NEW PRICE

- Detached bungalow
- Non estate location
- 3 bedrooms
- Lounge & kitchen
- Some updating required
- Garage
- Gas heating
- No upward chain

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Ely

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£120,000

Sutton

Semi-detached home comprising sitting room, dining room, cloakroom, three bedrooms, en-suite shower room, family bathroom, gardens and driveway.

£175,000

Stuntney

Extended four bedroom family home ideal for those working from home or those looking for a potential annexe comprising five reception rooms.

£240,000

Soham

Five bedroom house comprising sitting room, dining room, kitchen/breakfast room, utility, ground floor cloakroom, two bedrooms with en-suites.

Offers Over £270,000

Witchford

Park home for the semi-retired/retired comprising sitting/dining room, kitchen, two bedrooms, bathroom, garden and garage.

Offers Over £95,000

Soham

A two bedroom ground floor apartment with sitting/dining room, kitchen, two double bedrooms, bathroom and allocated parking.

£125,000

Sutton

New detached home offering sitting room, dining room, study, kitchen/breakfast room, four bedrooms, en-suite, gardens, garage and parking.

£270,000

Chatteris

A select development comprising of a unique collection of six new four bedroom detached houses and one bungalow, all finished to a high standard.

From £249,950

Sutton

This three bedroom semi-detached home offers entrance hall, sitting room with feature fireplace, kitchen/breakfast room, front and rear gardens.

Offers Over £140,000

Littleport

Two bedroom detached bungalow with sitting room, sun room, kitchen, utility room, bathroom and garage.

Offers Over £150,000

March

Semi-rural location with views across open farmland comprising three bedrooms, kitchen/breakfast room, utility room and generous grounds.

£244,995

Hale Fen

Semi-detached house comprising sitting room, kitchen, dining room, two double bedrooms, bathroom, single garage, enclosed rear garden.

Offers Over £130,000

Littleport

Fenced pony paddock with double stable barn and brick built hay shed measuring approximately 0.68 acres STS.

£18,000

Little Ouse

Three bedroom house with accommodation comprising sitting room, kitchen/diner, utility, bathroom, front and rear gardens, off road parking.

Offers Over £130,000

Littleport

Chain free new build with sitting room, kitchen/diner, utility, dining room, family room/study, cloakroom, four bedrooms, en-suite and garage.

Offers Over £285,000

Chatteris

Imposing four bedroom period home with some original features comprising sitting room, lounge leading to the conservatory, kitchen/breakfast room.

Offers Over £300,000

Chatteris

Four double bedroom detached house with kitchen/diner, lounge, cloakroom, bathroom, single garage, off road parking and gardens.

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NEW

Bell Gardens Haddenham **£134,995**

Popular Village Location
Situated in the ever popular village of Haddenham, this rarely available mid terraced bungalow offers generous accomodation comprising:- entrance hall, kitchen, spacious lounge, two double bedrooms and bathroom. There is an enclosed rear garden, garage and parking. The property benefits from electric heating, Upvc double glazing and no chain.

NEW

Jersey Way Littleport **£199,995**

On the edge of a popular development and backing onto fields
Situated on the edge of a popular development this immaculately presented family home offers versatile accomodation including entrance hall, lounge with log burner, snug/dining room/bedroom four, spacious kitchen/breakfast room, cloakroom, three further bedrooms, en suite to master, family bathroom. Outside there is a delightful, well stocked garden backing onto fields attracting much wildlife. The property benefits from Upvc double glazing, gas central heating and a double garage.

NO CHAIN

Upton Lane Littleport **£134,995**

Sought after location
Situated on a sought after no through road this spacious bungalow requires some updating and comprises two double bedrooms, bathroom, spacious lounge, large kitchen, front and rear gardens, garage and off road parking. The property benefits from Upvc double glazing and gas radiator central heating. Viewing essential! NO CHAIN.

Hale Fen Littleport **£138,500**

Enviable Rural Views
With views across open farmland this family home is situated in a quiet rural location with far reaching views to the front and rear. The very well presented accomodation comprises three bedrooms, bathroom, lounge, kitchen, conservatory/dining room. Large driveway, UPVC double glazing and oil central heating.

NO CHAIN

The Brambles Littleport **£219,995**

Immaculately presented family home
Situated in a quiet sought after cul-de-sac location, this detached family home has been extended and much improved. Well presented spacious accommodation includes large lounge, dining room, modern fitted kitchen, three bedrooms with en suite to master, family bathroom. View now!

NEW HOMES

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Popular development within walking distance to the school!
Finished to a high standard this brand new three bedroom semi detached property offers spacious accomodation including a large 'L shaped' kitchen/dining room which is ideal for entertaining, sliding patio doors leading to the rear garden. Further accomodation includes entrance hall, cloakroom, three bedrooms - two of which are doubles, family bathroom and en suite to master. Detached and semi detached homes will be available. Showhome available to view now!

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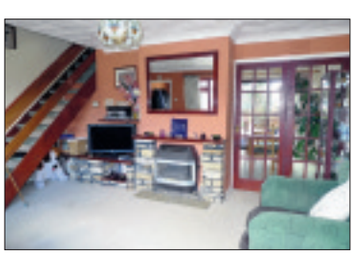
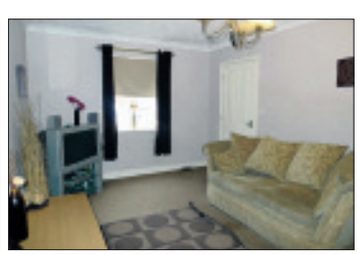


Meadow Court Littleport **£169,995**

Extended and wheelchair friendly!
A well presented and extended family home comprises extended ground floor accomodation, cloakroom, utility room, kitchen, dining room, lounge, three bedrooms and extended bathroom. Benefitting from gas central heating, double glazing, gardens, garage and driveway.

NEW



Fishers Bank Littleport **£189,950**

Just a short stroll to the river!
Located on a popular development within a short stroll to the river this four bedroom detached family home offers spacious and versatile accomodation. Further accomodation comprises lounge, cloakroom, kitchen/dining room with patio doors leading to the rear garden, utility room, family bathroom and en suite to master. The property benefits from Upvc double glazing, gas radiator central heating, garage and driveway providing off road parking for several vehicles. View now to avaoid disappointment!

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NEW

Littleport £500

Newly new 'coach house' flat on the well regarded Persimmon development . The property also benefits from gas central heating, one parking space and large single garage with extra storage area.
Available 21/02/11
Unfurnished

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AVAILABLE NOW

Littleport £525

A superbly presented two bedroom end of terrace Victorian cottage within walking distance of the Town centre
Available Now
Unfurnished
Deposit £525

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AVAILABLE NOW

Ely £525

Tucked away in a cul de sac on the Cambridge side of the City with excellent local facilities, A superb modern home offering excellent value for money.
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Modern one bedroom home located close to city centre. Garden to rear & allocated parking. Excellent location for local amenities and transport links.
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Sutton £560

A delightful two bedroom semi detached bungalow located in this popular village West of Ely. The property benefits from gas central heating and three parking spaces.
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Sutton £600

Newly refurbished detached two bedroom house situated in this popular village offering spacious accommodation. Also benefits from gas central heating, parking & garden.
Available End Jan 11
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NEW

Soham £695

Well presented three bedroom semi detached family home located in the well served village of Soham.
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A superb family townhouse located on a popular development on the Western boundary of Ely offering excellent access to Cambridge, Newmarket and Kings Lynn.
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Beautifully presented modern semi detached home located in a prime quite cul-de-sac location
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Littleport £775

Nearly new townhouse close to local shops and amenities and offering easy access to A10. Gas central heating and two parking spaces.
Available 28/02/11
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NEW

Aldreth £1,100

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NEW

Ely **£300,000**

A substantial modern detached home with entrance hall, study, lounge, dining room, 19'3" max x 15'2" max kitchen/family room, utility, 4 double bedrooms (1 ensuite), bathroom, double garage, driveway and established gardens.

NEW

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Chatteris **£395,000**

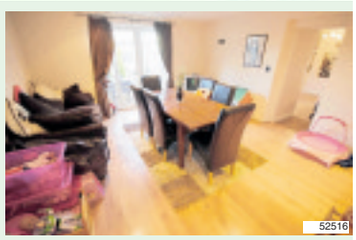
A Victorian farmhouse with a wealth of character situated in a rural location. Hall, lounge, dining room, kitchen/breakfast room, utility, cloakroom, 2 play rooms, ground floor bedroom, shower room, 4 first floor bedrooms, bathroom, approx. 1.6 acres of grounds, yard and extensive outbuildings.

NEW

Ely **£225,000**

A superbly presented City home with accommodation comprising lounge, separate dining room, conservatory, modern kitchen and bathroom, 3 bedrooms (1 ensuite), together with a single garage, parking and gardens.

NEW



Little Downham **£225,000**

An extended semi detached property offering substantial accommodation. Hall, 21'10" x 16'11" max lounge, 17'2" x 11'3" kitchen/conservatory, spacious dining room, utility, ground floor bathroom, 5 bedrooms, wet room, extensive parking and 100' rear garden backing onto fields.

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NEW

Haddenham £249,950

A deceptively spacious detached property with attractive views of surrounding countryside Porch, hall, cloakroom, kitchen, lounge, separate dining room, 4 bedrooms, modern bathroom, driveway and well maintained gardens.

NEW

Littleport Prices From £139,950

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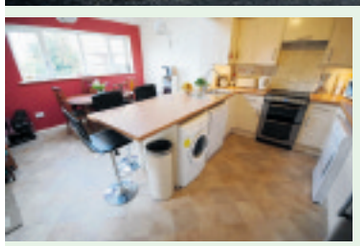
A new development of just 24 houses by MATTHEW HOMES.
A range of 2, 3 and 4 bedroom properties. Call for further details.

NEW

Sutton £215,000

An individual detached family home situated in a small popular residential development. Includes kitchen/dining room, lounge, 3 bedrooms (19' master bedroom with ensuite), bathroom, gas central heating, double glazing, garage, parking and gardens.

NEW



Stretham £182,500

An extended detached property situated close to the village primary school with entrance hall, cloakroom, study/dining room, lounge, extended 17'8" x 13'3" kitchen/dining room, 3 bedrooms and bathroom, together with gardens, driveway and garage.

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NEW

Ely **£172,500**
A modern semi-detached property overlooking farmland to the front with lobby, cloakroom, open plan hall/dining room, lounge, kitchen, 3 bedrooms (one en-suite) & bathroom, garden approx. 65ft in length. No upward chain.

NEW

Haddenham **£179,950**
Extended detached bungalow in a highly regarded part of this popular village. Well presented with hallway, kitchen, lounge, dining room, study/bedroom 3, 2 further bedrooms, bathroom, garage & gardens

NEW

Littleport **£144,950**
A brand new 3 bedroom (1 ensuite) end of terrace property with gas central heating and double glazing. Available immediately with no upward chain.

NEW

Ely **£183,950**
A modern 3 storey town house offering versatile accommodation. Entrance hallway, cloakroom, kitchen, lounge, three bedrooms, master with en-suite and dressing room, family bathroom, single garage, parking and garden.

NEW

Littleport **£275,000**
A brand new detached home with entrance hallway, cloakroom, kitchen/family room, utility room, lounge, study, 4 bedrooms (2 ensuite) and family bathroom, garage, driveway & gardens.

NEW

Ely **£205,000**
A spacious 2/3 bedroom bungalow in a highly regarded location with hall, lounge, separate dining room/bedroom 3, kitchen/breakfast room, cloakroom, 2 double bedrooms, bathroom, gardens, garage. No upward chain

NEW

Witchford **£149,950**
A modern semi detached property with hall, cloakroom, kitchen, lounge/dining room, 2 bedrooms and bathroom, together with attractive gardens, driveway and garage. No upward chain.

NEW

Ely **£139,950**
A terraced home forming part of a conversion close to the railway station, Waterside area and City Centre. Lounge, modern kitchen, 2 bedrooms, modern bathroom & 2 allocated parking spaces. No upward chain

Ely **£335,000**
A substantial detached home along a private driveway with just 3 other properties overlooking an attractive green to front. Includes 4 bedrooms (2 ensuite), 3 receptions, kitchen/family room, gardens & double garage.

Haddenham **£495,000**
Substantial detached period home extended & tastefully modernised by the current owners in a central village location. Wealth of character & much versatility. Includes 5 reception rooms & 5 bedrooms (1 ensuite).

NEW

Ely **£245,000**
A rare opportunity to purchase a detached bungalow situated close to Ely City Centre. Accommodation includes entrance hallway, lounge, ktichen, shower room, three bedrooms, bathroom, garage, parking and garden.

NEW

Stretham **£220,000**
Situated close to the centre of this popular village, this established detached home includes 4 bedrooms, 2 reception rooms and garden.

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Ely **£149,950**
A modern semi detached property situated in a popular cul de sac and comprising entrance hall, lounge, kitchen, 2 bedrooms, bathroom, enclsoed rear garden, parking and garage. Gas radiator heating and upvc windows.

Ely **£144,950**
A superb modern apartment having ground floor hallway, first floor hallway, lounge, kitchen, 2 double bedrooms, bathroom, single garage and rear courtyard garden.

Ely **£249,950**
A well presented home close to the Lantern Primary. Hall, cloakroom, kitchen/breakfast room, lounge, dining room, study, 4 bedrooms (2 ensuite), bathroom, enclosed garden, driveway & double length garage.

Haddenham **£221,950**
An established detached bungalow situated on a generous mature plot. Includes 3 bedrooms, oil central heating, double glazing, garage and parking. No upward chain.

Soham **£82,500**
A Grade II Listed first floor flat situated in the Town Centre comprising entrance hall, open plan kitchen/lounge area, 1 double bedroom and shower room. Ideal first time buy. No upward chain

Stretham **£395,000**
An imposing recently extended detached home. Hallway, cloakroom, lounge, dining room, study, family room, kitchen/breakfast room, utility room, 4 bedrooms (2 ensuite), bathroom, double garage, driveway & gardens.

Stuntney **£675,000**
A unique and rare opportunity to purchase a superbly converted former village school house which opened in 1868 and closed in 1983 and now offering flexible living accommodation providing up to 5 bedrooms.

NEW PRICE

Brandon Creek **£189,950**
An older style 3 bedroom detached house situated on a plot extending to approximately 1/3rd of an acre including 4 garages and store, adjacent to the River Great Ouse.

NEW

Wilburton **Guide Price £110,000**
Building plot with detailed planning permission for a five bedroom detached house (gross internal area of approx. 1952 sq. ft). Situated in a pleasant village location.

Ely **£285,000**
A modern spacious link detached family home offering versatile accommodation including 4 bedrooms (1 ensuite), separate 1 bedroom annex, double car port, central heating and double glazing.

Sutton **£161,950**
Immaculately presented semi-detached house with superb views. Includes ent hall, cloakroom, kitchen/dining room, lounge, landing, 3 bedrooms (1 ensuite), bathroom, gardens and driveway.

Haddenham **£320,000**
A detached period property with character features comprising lounge, study, dining & sitting rooms, kitchen, utility, ground floor shower room, 3 double bedrooms, 1 en-suite, gardens, driveway, garage. No upward chain

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Newly refurbished end of terrace three bedroom cottage in a sought after central location, close to the riverside and rail station. Available now.

NEW PRICE

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£625 pcm
Very well presented and extended three bedroom semi detached house in a cul-de-sac location with enclosed rear garden and driveway. Available January

NEW PRICE

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Newly refurbished three bedroom detached house in a semi-rural location with oil heating, off road parking and garden. Available now.

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Three bedroom detached house in central village location with gas central heating, enclosed garden and garage. Available now.

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A selection of brand new three bedroom houses within walking distance of the rail station, each with enclosed garden and parking. Available now.

WEST END, ELY
£625 pcm
Mid terraced three bedroom house situated close to the City centre with gas central heating, double glazing throughout and gardens to front and rear.

NEWNHAM STREET, ELY
£625 pcm
Furnished and well presented two bedroom ground floor apartment in the City centre with gas central heating.

CAMBRIDGE COURT, ELY
£595 pcm
Modern two bedroom ground floor apartment with gas central heating, small communal garden area and allocated parking. Available mid February.

KINGS AVENUE, ELY
£595 pcm
Fully furnished and well presented two bedroom ground floor apartment with electric heating and allocated parking. Available early February.

MORTON CLOSE, ELY
£575 pcm
Modern two bedroom terraced house with gas central heating, enclosed garden and off road parking to the front. Available now.

LESTER DRIVE, HADDENHAM
£550 pcm
Detached two bedroom bungalow in a cul-de-sac location with oil central heating, enclosed garden, single garage and driveway. No smokers, children or pets.

CHURCHGATE STREET, SOHAM
£550 pcm
Spacious first floor three bedroom flat in town centre, which has been newly redecorated and carpeted throughout. Available now.

TOWER COURT, ELY
£550 pcm
Ground floor one bedroom apartment within a converted Victorian property with gas heating, communal garden and allocated parking. Available now.

MARKET PLACE, ELY
£475 pcm
First floor one bedroom flat is ideally located in the City centre with gas central heating. Would suit a single professional.

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MILE END ROAD, PRICKWILLOW
£495 pcm
Three bedroom semi detached house in a rural location with oil heating, double glazing, gardens to front and rear and off road parking. Available February.

LET AGREED

ALEXANDER CHASE, ELY
£950 pcm
Modern three storey four bedroom house with views over open countryside to the rear, gas central heating and garage. Available now.

LET AGREED

CLAY STREET, SOHAM
£495 pcm
Two bedroom terraced cottage close to the town centre with gas central heating and garden to the rear. Available mid February.

LET AGREED

COLUMBINE ROAD, ELY
£575 pcm
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NEW! O.I.E.O £55,000

LITTLEPORT

Requiring some updating, this two level apartment offers, three bedrooms, parking and single garage. OPEN DAY 2 - 4 PM ON 29TH JANUARY.

ELY £135,000

A well presented 3 bedroom home, offering conservatory, gas central heating, double glazing. No upward chain. £1000 Cashback. OPEN DAY 2 - 4 PM ON 5TH FEBRUARY

ELY £133,500

Value for money, unexpected space convenient for Ely community college, offering three bedrooms, a 17 ft kitchen/dining room. Must be viewed.

ELY O.I.R.O £310,000

A opportunity to acquire this four bedroom home has arisen, offering lounge, dining room, kitchen/breakfast room, study, utility, two en-suites, dressing room, double garage and off road parking.

ELY £250,000

A centrally located family property with garage and modern presentation, en-suites to each of the 3 spacious bedrooms and kitchen/dining room updated by the present vendor. A must to view.

LITTLEPORT £189,950

A character property with features including exposed floor boards, open fire, utility room, driveway parking for several vehicles and located in a non estate location. £1000 Cashback available.

LITTLEPORT £375,000

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LITTLEPORT O.I.E.O £144,950

Two bed semi bungalow with garage and off road parking. The property benefits from radiator heating and double glazing. This home is offered for sale CHAIN FREE!

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SUTTON £155,000

A three bedroom family home located within the popular village of Sutton, offering lounge/dining room, integral garage and driveway parking.

FORDHAM £95,000

A Two bedroom first floor flat with lounge, kitchen, family bathroom and private entrance, in this ever requested location.

LITTLEPORT £160,000

Viewing is strongly advised for this four bedroom property, consisting of lounge, separate dining room and kitchen. Call today to arrange a viewing.

REDUCED £149,950

MEPAL

Situated in a sought after location this three bedroom semi detached house offers two reception rooms, gas heating, double glazing, ample parking, out buildings and a landscaped rear garden. No Upward Chain.

REDUCED £219,995

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Versatile accommodation offering lounge/dining room, two en-suites and family bathroom, gas central heating, double glazing - single garage and driveway parking for two vehicles.

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NEW

STRETHAM

An imposing and spacious detached Victorian residence, beautifully appointed throughout.

5 bedrooms, 2 with en suites, sitting room, dining room, kitchen, cloakroom, bathroom, gas central heating, double garage, approx 1/3 an acre garden, double glazing, no upward chain.

£495,000

NEW

SUTTON

A truly outstanding dwelling with a fusion of original and modern features, coupled with a high specification and attention to detail.

4 bedrooms, ensuite to master bedroom, bathroom, lobby, cloakroom, lounge, dining room, reception room 3, kitchen/breakfast room, pantry, boot room, DG, GCH, double garage,gardens, driveway.

£385,000

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A opportunity to acquire a substantial home set within one of Elys' most sought after locations. This home requires some modernisation.

4 bedrooms, bathroom, kitchen/breakfast room, dining room, 'L' shape lounge, gas central heating, double glazing, garage, garden.

£335,000

NEW

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An impressive and well presented townhouse in a highly regarded cul de sac within walking distance of the City Centre and amenities.

4/5 bedrooms, family bathroom, lounge, dining room, kitchen/breakfast room, cloakroom, double glazing, gas fuelled heating, rear garden, garage, secure car port.

£329,950

NEW

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An immaculately presented family home offering good size accommodation in one of Elys' most sought after locations.

4 bedrooms, bathroom, lounge, dining room, kitchen/breakfast room, gas fuelled heating, double glazing, garage, car port, off road parking, rear garden.

£244,950

NEW

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A well maintained detached family home situated on a highly regarded residential development convenient for the railway station and City Centre.

3 bedrooms, bathroom, cloakroom, lounge, kitchen/dining room, utility room, conservatory, landscaped rear garden, single garage, double glazing, gas central heating.

£229,950

WILBURTON

A beautifully presented character cottage built circa 1890. This home is positioned in a prime location.

3 bedrooms, bathroom, kitchen, dining room, brick built detached outbuilding (possible conversion to outside office subject to planning), oil fuelled heating, off road parking, garden.

£224,950

NEW

HADDENHAM

A well presented family home with potential for further development (subject to planning) situated in a quiet cul de sac location in this popular South Ely village.

4 bedrooms, bathroom, cloakroom, lounge opening to dining room, kitchen, garage with a further reception room/study, oil central heating, double glazing, garden.

£224,950

STRETHAM

A deceptively spacious dormer bungalow situated in a quiet cul-de-sac location.

2 bedrooms, bathroom, kitchen, lounge /diner, bedroom 3 (accessible by stairs from the lounge),oil central heating, double glazing, single garage, off road parking.

£169,950

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An extended and well presented semi detached home occupying an established position with the benefit of a large rear garden, walking distance of village amenities and no upward chain.

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JOHN AMNER CLOSE, ELY

A newly decorated 1BR house in a quiet location a short distance from the City Centre. The property also provides easy access to BR Station, A10 and A142.

The property consists of lounge with bay window, kitchen, double bedroom and bathroom. Electric storage heating. Small garden. Garage and space. Unfurnished

£525 PCM

NEW

MULBERRY WAY, ELY

A newly decorated 1BR house in excellent order throughout. The property provides easy access to the City Centre, BR Station, A10/A142.

The property offers a recently fitted kitchen/bathroom, L-shaped lounge/diner and a double bedroom. Neutral decor. GCH. Side garden. One allocated parking space. Unfurnished.

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WITCHFORD

A modern and well presented 2BR 1st floor flat located in the popular Village of Witchford, 2 miles West of Ely and providing easy access the A10 and A142.

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A well presented 4BR Towhouse located on the popular Highfield development in Littleport providing easy access to the BR Station and A10.

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Inside, the accommodation includes an entrance hall, study, beautifully decorated living room, conservatory, large kitchen/breakfast room and a ground-floor bedroom. There are two further bedrooms to the first floor, plus a bathroom and additional en suite.
The gardens are laid to lawn and feature an orchard, garage and timber outbuildings.
This fantastic property is on the market for £420,000. Contact David Clark & Company on (01353) 665020.

AN ideal family home or first-time buy, this semi-detached house in Parsons Lane, Littleport, is on the market for £90,000 to £110,000 freehold.
It comes with a smart kitchen/dining room, living room, three bedrooms, a cloakroom and a bathroom.
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All-new Focus tagged

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THE dynamic all-new Ford Focus comes to the UK in March, with its exciting two-model line-up of sporty 5-door hatchback and stylish 5-door estate.

With more than 1.4 million examples sold in Britain since its launch in 1998, the Ford Focus has become a favourite with consumers for its outstanding value, comfort and safety and, above all, for fun.

Each of the powertrain options on offer will provide its owner with low CO2 emissions and impressive fuel consumption. The line-up consists of:

- 1.6-litre Duratorq TDCi with Auto-Start-Stop – CO2 emissions from 109g/km, average fuel use from 67mpg
- 2.0-litre Duratorq TDCi – CO2 emissions from 129g/km, average fuel use from 56mpg
- 1.6-litre Ford EcoBoost with Auto-Start-Stop – CO2 emissions from 139g/km, average fuel consumption from 47mpg
- 1.6-litre Duratec Ti-VCT – CO2 emissions from 136g/km, average fuel consumption from 48mpg.

The petrol engine range in the all-new Focus is led by the new 1.6-litre Ford EcoBoost.

In addition to the highly efficient petrol and diesel powertrain offering, the new Focus range incorporates other features from the Ford ECO-netic Technologies programme to help minimise fuel consumption and CO2 emissions.

The Focus is the first Ford model to standardise Auto-Start-Stop technology across a significant part of the range. All vehicles with the 1.6-litre Ford EcoBoost petrol engine and the 1.6-litre TDCi diesel engine are equipped with Auto-Start-Stop, with CO2 emissions starting at just 109g/km on the diesel model.

This Focus is the first Ford to offer five driver assistance features based on an advanced digital camera system. The camera system supports the driver staying safely in lane, remaining alert at the wheel, monitoring the latest traffic signs and operating headlamp high beam.

Mounted next to the rear view mirror, the forward facing digital camera captures a view of the road ahead which is analysed by an on-board computer.

The new Ford Focus also achieves significantly improved aerodynamic performance, cutting drag by up to 7 per cent to help reduce fuel consumption and CO2 emissions.

Prices start from £15,995.

CUTE: The Vauxhall Corsa VXR Blue Edition.

Corsa VXR's Blue period

HOT on the heels of the new-look Corsa range, the Corsa VXR Blue Edition features new styling details, additional kit as standard and a head-turning paintjob, at a price that'll send its rivals into a spin.

At £19,425 (including 20 per cent VAT), the Corsa VXR Blue undercuts key competitors like the Citroen DS3 R and the Mini Cooper Works by up to £3,600. Powered by the lightweight 1.6 Turbo, producing 188bhp, this VXR boasts a 0-60mph time of just 6.8 seconds and a top speed of 140mph. An overboost feature increases maximum torque to 260+Nm.

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Car insurance fraud 'linked to crime rings'

MOTOR insurance fraud now has links to organised crime, a police chief has told MPs, *writes Peter Woodman of PA News.*

Fraud has become "highly organised and clearly very profitable", said Chief Superintendent Geraint Anwyl, of the roads policing section at the Association of Chief Police Officers (Acpo).

He said fraudsters were setting up claims management companies where the "doctor", the "solicitor" and the collision "victim" might possibly be members of the same crime family.

Induced collisions and staged collisions were taking place as well as fictitious collisions.

The fact that fraudsters moved around made it harder for them to be detected, Mr Anwyl told the MPs.

Mr Anwyl said of the situation: "Major frauds that are now occurring are linked to organised crime. An entire incident is contained within a group often related to each other.

ACCIDENT: But was it staged? Concerns are growing that gangs are setting up incidents to fraudulently claim insurance.

"If they were based in certain areas they would be easier to detect but groups are moving around."

Road Safety Minister Mike Penning also gave evidence, but before doing so announced that from this spring, it will be an offence to keep an uninsured vehicle, rather than just to drive when uninsured.

Currently every responsible motorist pays an average £30 each year within their premiums to cover crashes involving uninsured and untraced drivers. It is also estimated that uninsured and untraced drivers kill 160 people and injure 23,000 every year.

Mr Penning said: "Uninsured drivers push up premiums for other motorists and often drive with no regard for other road users, so it is vital that we do everything we can to keep them off the roads.

"More than 400 uninsured vehicles are already being seized by the police every day, but it is simply not possible to catch every uninsured driver in this way.

"That is why we are bringing in these new powers which will help us to take targeted action while freeing up police time to deal with the hard core of offenders."

Appearing before the committee, Mr Penning said the Government was working with insurers to ensure they had access to Driver and Vehicle Licensing Agency (DVLA) information to check, for example, that a motorist had supplied a correct age.

Mr Penning said those wishing to be insured might be invited to tick a box giving their insurer permission to contact the DVLA.

Such a scheme might be introduced within six months, he added.

WE GOT SOUL: The Mazda Minagi aims to convey vitality when it is shown at the Geneva Motor Show in March.

Mazda set to showcase new design cues in Geneva

Mazda will showcase its all-new SkyActiv technologies and a new design theme, KODO – Soul of Motion, with the global debut of the new Mazda Minagi compact crossover SUV concept car, at the 2011 Geneva Motor Show in March.

The exciting Minagi concept precedes the the launch of Mazda's upcoming next-generation products and symbolises the evolution of the Mazda brand for a new era.

The Minagi's new SkyActiv technologies have been carefully developed to build harmony between driving pleasure and outstanding environmental and safety performance. The Minagi is equipped with a SkyActiv engine and SkyActiv transmission fitted to a SkyActiv body and chassis. These combine in a low-weight yet highly safe package.

Meanwhile, the Minagi's KODO design evokes a powerful and emotive sense of pent-up energy and vitality – helping the vehicle stand out in a sprawling urban cityscape.

Mazda's stand at the Geneva show will also feature new SkyActiv technology exhibits and the Mazda SHINARI design concept car (making its European debut), among a wide range of products.

Celebration car: The Skoda Fabia Monte Carlo.

The Geneva Motor Show (81e Salon International de l'Auto de Genève) runs from March 3-13.

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ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 - SECTION 14(1)(a)
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Secretary of State for Transport has made an Order on the A47 Trunk Road in Cambridgeshire to enable resurfacing, white lining and associated work near Wisbech to be carried out in safety.

The works, which will take place over 9 nights (8pm to 6am), are expected to begin on of after Friday 4 February 2011.

The effect of the Order will be to close -

1. the A47 at Wisbech between its junctions with the A141 Guyhirn Roundabout and the B198 Redmoor Lane Roundabout, and
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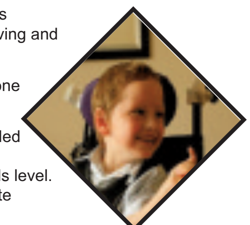

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» Hockey

Clarke and Purllant shoot down Magpies

Ely 2 Harleston Magpies III 1
NE14 EAST MEN'S LEAGUE, DIVISION 2N

ELY continued their bid to stave off the threat of relegation when they entertained Harleston Magpies II at the weekend.

So far this season, although Ely have performed with passion, they failed to secure the points their efforts have deserved, but, on Saturday, their fortunes appeared to turned a small corner as they claimed a narrow victory.

Ely started the encounter slightly on the back foot as the combination of experience and youth in the Magpies team pegged them back in the last quarter of the pitch.

The resulting pressure eventually opened the scoring for third-in-the-table Magpies as a cross into the Ely circle was smacked past the stranded Neil Dodsworth in the Ely goal by a diving finish at the far post by a visiting striker.

This seemed to be the catalyst required for the hosts as the tide turned and they took the upper hand, using the skill and pace of Stu Clarke, Rob Radcliffe and Grant Gilmour in midfield.

Numerous short corners came and went for Ely without success as the Magpies' keeper pulled of a string of excellent saves to keep the score at 1-0 to Magpies as the half time whistle blew.

The second half continued as the first had ended, but, eventually, the sustained Ely pressure told as a mazy dribble and shot from Matt Holden was calmly finished at the far post by Clarke to level the scores.

After a further string of Ely short corners and more athletic saves by the Magpies keeper, basic short corner hockey came into play with a fierce direct strike from the top of the circle from skipper Chris Purllant crashing into the Magpies' goal just inside the left post, leaving the keeper with no chance.

This opened up a slender 2-1 Ely lead with five minutes of the match left.

Ely then weathered a string of four successive defensive short corners and were indebted to the athleticism of keeper Dodsworth and a diving clearance from Tom Rutledge, both of which enabled them to collect the three important points.

Ely travel to Ipswich & East Suffolk on Saturday with a further three points being their aim of the day.

Match-winner: Skipper Chris Purllant, who hammered in Ely's winner

» Rugby union

Leaders too good for Tigers

Ely 11 Stowmarket 41
EASTERN COUNTIES LEAGUE, DIVISION ONE

ELY captain Karl Hayler admitted his team were well beaten by leaders Stowmarket at Downham Road on Saturday. Hayler managed to put a try on the board for the Tigers, and Jamie Russell notched six points with the boot, but it was nowhere near enough.

"We didn't play that badly – Stowmarket were just very good," said Hayler (right). "They were extremely well organised, very fit and they basically had an answer for everything.

"As far as the forwards were concerned, in the scrum and the line-outs, we were probably better than them.

"But they were good defensively and they were hard to pin down when they broke.

"There were a lot of basic errors and we were always chasing the game.

"They were just too good for us, at the end of the day."

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» Football round-up

Haddenham stay top after a purple patch

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The company's managing director Daniel Meads was present to hand over the new kit. Haddenham won the match thanks to two goals apiece from Bekka Tomkins and Kate Sealy. The win saw them stay top of the table.

■ Pictured are: Back row, left to right – Daniel Meads (Purple Skips), Becca Skinner, Louise Murfet, Lucy Julian, Emma Elsom, Kate Sealy, Eve Fenlon, Jo Hewitt, Michael Ward (manager). Front row: Vicki Emms, Stella Faux, Dawn Ludbrooke, Bekka Tomkins, Vicky Hutchinson, Linda Foord, Honor Freeman, Jackie Whittick.

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Murfitt strikes to earn 'Port a late point

LITTLEPORT Town draw 1-1 with Mildenhall Town in their top-of-the-table Cambridge & District Colts League, Division 15D clash.

The match was goalless until Mildenhall took the lead 15 minutes from the end.

Port went for broke in the last 10 minutes, and Sam Turvey and Rowan Shergold had efforts save before Joe Murfitt nabbed a leveller in the dying moments of stoppage time.

■ Man-of-the-match Joe Snooks scored Witchford's consolation as they lost 3-1 to Soham United in 14B.

■ Matt Wright and Charlie Tunnell scored Haddenham Rovers' consolation goals as they lost 3-2 to Coton Cosmos in the quarter-finals of the Under-12 League Cup.

■ Henry Border notched a double and Ben Lymer, Luca Philo, Jack Curtis and Joe Leyland hit one each as Witchford triumphed 6-0 against Burwell Swallows in the BM Kempton 9v9 League Cup.

■ Luke Merry plundered a pair and Tom Goodjohn grabbed one as Mepal Sports beat Chatteris Town 3-0 in Division 10A of the Cambs Mini League.

» Equestrianism

In the saddle: The King's School, Ely, equestrian team, left to right, Rhianna Jones, Matthew Collier, Tom Collier and Daniel Hayes, who were team show jumping finalists at the National Schools' Equestrian Championships in Buckinghamshire. CP

King's School riders reach national final

UP before daylight and mounted on her horse by 7am, talented Rhianna Jones, representing the King's School Ely, was an individual show jumping finalist at the National Schools' Equestrian Championships at Addington Manor in Buckinghamshire.

She clocked the fastest round in her class, but was unlucky to pick up four faults after clipping the last pole.

Rhianna and fellow members of the King's team – Matthew Collier, Tom Collier and Daniel Hayes – also qualified for the final of the team event.

The course for the final was much bigger and technically far harder than the qualifier, with tricky twists and awkward distances between jumps.

Every member of the King's team rose to the challenge and did well, with Matthew producing the best round.

There were 20 teams in the class from all over the country, from northern Scotland to the South West. The King's team was placed ninth overall.

» Table tennis

Impington blushes spared by Catlin

REIGNING champions Haddenham I moved into second place in Division One of the Ely & District League – only two points behind Soham, but with two games in hand.

Fulbourn III and Ellesmere lead Division Two but both Comrades teams look threatening.

In Division Three, Elsworth II and Fulbourn VI are the strong candidates for promotion.

The week's action in Division One saw Gazeley I beat Impington II 7-3. Three wins for Impington's Jeff Catlin prevented a heavier defeat, though he was pushed all the way by Rob Wallis.

Fulbourn II went down 6-4 to their first string, who had a maximum each for Peters Zivtins and Terry Lane.

The firsts had recruited Jon Chapman to play against his own team. Dan Bates took Lane to five and Marc Meunier and Ju Young claimed the doubles 11-9 in the fifth.

Against a Soham team lacking both Martin Freeland and Tony Everitt, Haddenham II's Hugo Brown took the opportunity to guide his young team to a 5-5 draw by winning all his singles, backed up by a win each from Mark Coles and Emile Cole.

Jon Audus and Neil Abram took the doubles for Soham to secure the draw.

Elsworth I slipped up 8-2 against Haddenham I, who had the Mohans – Kieran and Christian – unbeaten.

Elsworth's success was limited to a win each for Owen Davies and Joe Thorogood.

Three straight wins for Jan Hyrca and three for Paul Grammar, plus the doubles, gave Impington a 7-3 victory over Ely I. Grammar was taken to 12-10 in the fifth by Mick Runswick and also to five by Andrew Maguire, who in turn needed the fifth to overcome Howard Morley.

In Division Two Comrades III beat Gazeley II 7-3 thanks to three wins for Mick Foreman plus two each for Marc Sulman and George Wood. Phil Halliwell flew the flag for Gazeley with two singles wins plus the doubles with Tibor Schmidt.

Fulbourn III's Tim Hands stepped in when son Tom was unable to walk after a particularly testing cross-country run. He joined the in-form Harris and Hamish Ryder to once again demolish Fulbourn IV 8-2, although Duncan Gates, Pat Lloyd and Carl Woolf made them work for the victory.

Division Three saw Haddenham IV crash 9-1 at home to Elsworth II.

Stuart Humphrey, Rich Smart and Bill Knibbs enjoyed a comfortable evening as Elsworth cruised to victory. Fred Cheung did his best for Haddenham, beating Smart 14-12 in the fifth, going down in the fifth to Knibbs and again in the fifth with Joe Page in the doubles.

Fulbourn V shared a 5-5 draw with their sixth string. It was a good night for the Leeks with two wins each for Tim and Howard and one for David.

Max Schwiening won his three for the Sixes, but was taken to five by Tim Leek. Michael Boniface paid the price of a six-week lay-off, going down in five to both Howard and David Leek.

» Bowls

City progress on two fronts

CITY of Ely's bowlers marched into the last 16 of the national Top Club competition with an emphatic whitewash over their local rivals Chesterton.

With two points available for a win in each of the singles, Sara Matthews secured the first win with a 16-13 victory over Cathy Fraser.

Robert Elmore (right) then followed up by the narrowest of margins – 15-14 against Andy Nightingale.

With four points on the board, it was over to the mixed pairs, triples and fours to win the match.

With Ian Brown and his rink of Carolyn Day, Sue Alexander and Matt Marsden in unstoppable form, their win of 33-7 saw the Ely side get to eight points without reply.

With both the Ely pairs and triples well up in their matches, the Chesterton side conceded to give Ely their first 16-0 maximum win in this event.

They now face either County Arts or Beccles in February.

Rink scores (Ely names first):
Women's singles – Sara Matthews 16 C Fraser 13. **Men's singles** – Robert Elmore 15 A Nightingale 14. **Pairs** – Sarah Seymour, Andrew Ware 27 D Smith, M Selby 16. **Triples** – Ellen Falkner, Chris Falkner, Andrew Easy 20 A Howe, D Keeble, C Endersby 16. **Fours** – Carolyn Day, Sue Alexander, Matt Marsden, Ian Brown 33 P Stanley, C Locking, K Bane, I Miller 7.

■ Following their success in the Top Club on Saturday, Sunday morning brought another challenge for the City of Ely as they faced Leominster in the fifth round of the Egham Trophy.

Ely, the holders of this national competition, got off to a good start and by the fifth end were leading by 27-11 overall.

Nicky Brett and his rink of Sarah Gove, Kerry Reynolds and Chris Falkner were showing no mercy to their opponents from Herefordshire.

By the 10th end they had opened up an astonishing 20-1 lead.

On the other rinks, Andrew Easy was cruising comfortably with a lead of 13-5, while both Andrew Ware and Jamie Reynolds were finding it a bit tougher, Reynolds trailing 11-10 and Ware leading 12-8.

Ely began to take a firm grip on the match, with Brett in particular giving his opposition a lesson in indoor bowls. By the 18th end, he was 27-4 up.

His compatriot Easy then picked up a maximum eight shots on his rink to confirm Ely's place in the quarter-final stages.

They now face Desborough from Maidenhead in Berkshire on Sunday.

Rink scores (Ely skips first): A Easy 32 D Holloway 15, J Reynolds 20 M Suter 19, A Ware 22 R Perry 17, N Brett 28 H Butler 7.

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We must keep working – Ian

Spot on: Dubi Ogbonna grabbed Soham's only goal at Rugby on Saturday when he netted from the penalty spot late on.

IAN Benjamin was again left scratching his head wondering how his Soham team had been so comprehensively beaten at Rugby on Saturday, despite the effort and workrate they put into the match.

The Rangers boss could find no fault with his players' commitment to the cause, but poor defending was to blame for the early goals that led to their downfall.

After conceding the opening goal in the 17th minute, they fell further behind from the penalty spot four minutes later after a foul by Martin Bromwich.

Soham then enjoyed a good period of possession before conceding a third just before the interval and, as they pushed forward in the second half, Rugby exploited the extra space to score a fourth goal late on.

Rugby Town 5
Soham Town Rgrs 1
ZAMARETTO LEAGUE, DIVISION ONE CENTRAL

Dubi Ogbonna netted a consolation from the penalty spot after a handling offence, but Rugby had the final say with a fifth goal in stoppage time.

"I can't complain about the effort from the players," said Benjamin.

"I'm confident if the players still have the belief and keep working as hard as they have done, things will turn around."

■ The Greens will get another chance to put some points on the board when they return to league action on Saturday.

High-flying Bedfont will be the visitors to Julius Martin Lane, kick-off 3pm.

» **Bowls**

Harlow sees his crown slip away in thrilling tie

GREG Harlow's dreams of retaining his crown were ended in the semi-finals at the Potters Holidays World Indoor Bowls Championships.

City of Ely's provisional world No 1 lost the first set against five-time men's singles champion Alex Marshall 9-6 at Hopton-on-Sea on Saturday, but came back to claim the second 7-5.

But in a close-fought tie-break set, which saw the jack in the ditch and both players seemingly taking turns to draw top-quality shots, the Scot clinched the deciding end to go through 2-1.

"He was awesome in the first few ends. I hung in as much as I could," said Harlow (pictured).

"But we played a lot of pressure bowls – which was good.

"The last five ends were very eventful – I've never seen so many jacks in the ditch. It was a great game – I really enjoyed it. But the best man won."

Marshall was beaten 11-5, 8-8 by fellow Scot Paul Foster in the final on Sunday.

Earlier in the week Harlow, partnered by City of Ely club-mate Ellen Falkner, had reached the final of the mixed pairs, where they were beaten by England's Simon Skelton and Alison Merrien of Guernsey.

The Ely duo claimed the first set 7-5, but Skelton and Merrien took a closely fought second 8-7 before going on to win the deciding set 2-0.

City of Ely's Nicky Brett and Andrew Ware also competed in the men's singles, each being eliminated in the second round, by Mark Royal and Andy Thomson respectively.

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Chadwick has the power to brighten gloom

NOT even a late floodlight failure could stop Ely from recording a welcome 1-0 Ridgeons League, Premier Division win at home to in-form FC Clacton on Saturday.

Richard Chadwick struck the winner eight minutes from time at the Unwin Ground, but moments after he did so a power cut led to the floodlights going out.

Electricity was quickly restored and after a 10-minute delay the match resumed, with the Robins comfortably closing out the victory.

The victory went some way to making up for the disappointment for the 2-1 league defeat Ely suffered the previous Tuesday when they visited Mildenhall Town for a derby clash.

John Sands put the hosts in front, but the Robins bounced back to level with a strike by James Wallis just before half time.

Winning strike: Richard Chadwick, whose goal earned Ely City the points against FC Clacton.

Ely dominated large sections of the second period, but Mildenhall's defence held firm and they grabbed the three points with a winning goal from Andrew Wood seven minutes from the end.

■ The Robins have a tough assignment when they return to league action on Saturday with a trip to the East Coast to take on high-flying Leiston. The Suffolk side, who are through to the last 16 of the FA Vase, are currently lying fourth in the table, but have games in hand on the sides above them.

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